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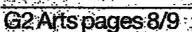


By John Pilger



Michael Holroyd defends biografiends

four life in their hands





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Parents could face new restrictions on smacking children

Clare Dyer Legal Correspondent

ARENTS could face new limits on the physical punishment they can mete out to their children after a 12-year-old boy beaten with a garden cane was given the right yesterday to pursue his case in Europe

The European Court of Human Rights could lay down parameters for the circumstances in which corporal punishment would be permit-

This would be likely to include the degree of force, the length of time the punishment persisted, and other relationships the control of the

the punishment. But experts on human rights law said the case. which might take two years to hear, was most unlikely to

result in a complete ban on parental smacking. The 12-year-old, who cannot he named for legal reasons,

we named for legal reasons, won the first stage of his case yesterday to challenge parents' rights to discipline children by beating them.

The European Commission of Human Rights in Strasbourg ruled admissible a claim by the boy that a thrashing by his stepfather after he threatened a sibling after he threatened a sibling with a kitchen knife violated his human rights. The com-

Chalabi, the executive president of the Western-backed

Iraqi opposition, the Iraqi National Congress (INC),

warned that Iran might nov

respond to calls for interven-

tion by the PUK and begin a

proxy war.
"This is a victory for Sad-

dam," he said. "He has won a

battle but not the war. This means that Saddam is back in

effective control of the whole

As the drama unfolded.

Iran warned that 500,000

Kurds had been made home-

less or were on the run, and

appealed for international

food aid to deal with the

emergency.
In the streets of the moun-

tain resort of Salahuddin, gunfire crackled and tracer

bullets filled the air as KDP

fighters celebrated the cap-

significant presence of Iraqi secret police in Kurdistan, de-spite the apparent with-

drawal of regular Iraqi mili-tary forces after the capture of Irbil on August 31.

KDP and there will be a hunt

for opposition people," Mr Chalabi said. "The stage is set for a politial deal beween the

Sulaymaniyah, 30 miles from

the Iranian border, was in danger of collapse and ap-pealed to the US to help it

A United Nations refugee official in Geneva said 8,000 to 10,000 people were reported to have fied Sulaymaniyah yes-terday. UN officials said Iran was bracing for a vast wave of refugees.
The KDP seized the interna-

against the KDP.

 which now controls all major cities in Kurdistan and Saddam."
The PUK had warned that

"Saddam's security forces will now move in after the

ture of Sulaymaniyah. Iraqi opposition forces have been stressing for days the reach the European Court of Human Rights and force the Government to change the law to limit parents' rights to use corporal punishment.

But Lord Lester QC, a leading veteran of Strasbourg cases who has acted for applicants in two other corporal punishment cases, thought the Government would probably win the case. The court would certainly not outlaw parental smacking altogether, he said.

The Health Secretary. Stephen Dorrell, said last night "This is only a decision on the admissibility of the complaint. We await the

the child's mother supported sider the merits of the boy's its of the case. English law is the punishment. mon sense. Parents are allowed to use corporal punishment, but only to the ex-tent of 'reasonable chastise-ment'. The government could not support a blanket ban on

parental smacking."
Allan Levy QC, counsel for the boy, whose mother claims he has been "out of control since the age of two," argued that his treatment amounted to "inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment," contrary to the European Convention on Human

Rights.
The incident, which happened in February 1993, came to light when the boy's nine-year-old was being beaten by his stepfather. Social services were alerted and the stepfather was subse quently tried for assault occa-

sioning actual bodily harm. Medical evidence was given that the boy had a series of weals on his legs and bottom which had been inflicted over a period of a week.

The judge told the jury that it was "a perfectly good defence that the alleged assault was merely the correction of

was merely the correction of a child by its parent ... provided the correction be moderate in the manner, the instrument and the quantity of it." The jury acquitted the stepfather.

Mr Levy said the "reason-

did not apply in any other type of case. He argued that children suffered discrimination compared with adults in protection against physical violence. The Government argued

that the state had no responsibility for the behaviour of the stepfather, and that unreasonable chastisement was cov-ered by the civil and criminal

The case is likely to go to the Court of Human Rights for a final ruling, but the process could take up to two

Recent research supported by the Department of Health, which studied 400 families, found that 91 per cent of chil-

than one in three four year-olds and more than one in four seven-year-olds were hit more often than once a week.
The NSPCC, one of more

than 60 organisations supporting a ban on corpora punishment welcomed yesterday's decision and urged the Government to try to reach a settlement. "The UK voluntarily ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1991. This obliges the government to protect children for all forms of vio-

"The case for law reform is clear. There is no consensus about what the term 'smack-

parents or others.



Saddam victory humbles Clinton

Chris Nuttall in Salahuddin and lan Black in London

URDISH forces backed by Iraq control of Kurdi-stan last night, handing President Saddam Hussein a proxy victory and the West its most serious strategic reverse in the region since the 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

As President Clinton admitted there was little the United States could do to help, guer-rilla fighters of the Baghdadbacked Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) captured the key city of Sulaymaniyah from their longtime rival the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), and sent thousands of refugees pouring towards the border with Iran.

The capture of Sulaymaniyah, the region's largest city, established effective Iraqi control of 80 per cent of Kur-distan. It spelled an end to the the US and British-backed humanitarian Operation Pro-vide Comfort in the northern "safe haven" set up in 1991 after the Gulf war.
Although there were no

signs of Iraqi troops or ar-mour involved in the fighting, the swift defeat of the PUK exposed the hollowness of the Western strategy of contain-ing President Saddam, including last week's cruise missile attacks in the south.

With the balance of power radically changed — and Tur-key establishing a security zone on its border — Ahmed



firing 44 cruise missiles on southern Iraq. Despite Mr Clinton's promises "to help anybody that needs to be out of Iraq", US officials confirmed opposition

claims that 96 Iraqi defectors and INC supporters were exe cuted in Irbil early last week, apparently on suspicion of links to the CIA. trag crisis, page 7

tional spotlight when, helped by President by Saddam, the militia captured Irbil from the PUK. The US retaliated by

World News A dispute over a

cluster of barren islands has united . Chinese communists with anti-communists in Hong Kong and Taiwan.

P&O is merging its container business with Dutch firm Nedloyd, leading to 1,400 job losses. P&O shares were up 53p at 570p.

George Graham is hot favourite to take over at Leeds United after

Howard Wilkinson departed with a handsome pay-off.

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looking to sacrifice the dog."

lence while in the care of Foster's vision:

a tower to trump the rest of the city

James Meikle, Comr Affairs Editor

T WILL be the ultimate in social climbing — the 1,200 ft high home which everyone can see but where a helicopter is needed to

peer into the windows. Those who believe the sky is the limit and money no object will soon be com-peting for a new top 40 as one of a select band of owners of multi-million pound apartments in the tail-fin tops of Europe's big-

gest building.
Floors 75 to 87 of the Lonion Millennium Tower will become among the most exclusive addresses in Europe if plans outlined vesterday by the architect, Sir Nor-

man Foster, win approval. But hopes that the residents will move into the two mini-towers, one higher than the other, in 2001, are likely to be dashed even if the Corporation of London allows the 92-storey building.

It will house scores of offices, up to seven trading floors, restaurants and

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"You're not sure your

health insurance will pay

my bill, are you?"

street level, where the oublic will also be allowed on to a viewing gallery.

The Government seems certain to order an inquiry, thus delaying the timetable for the tower, which will cost £400 million in building expenses alone, and is nearly 1,265 ft high, with a 162 ft mast.

It will house about 8,000 office workers — but who wants to live so high up? Quite a lot of people, according to Nick Tomlinson. of the international division of estate agents Knight Frank.
"There are those who

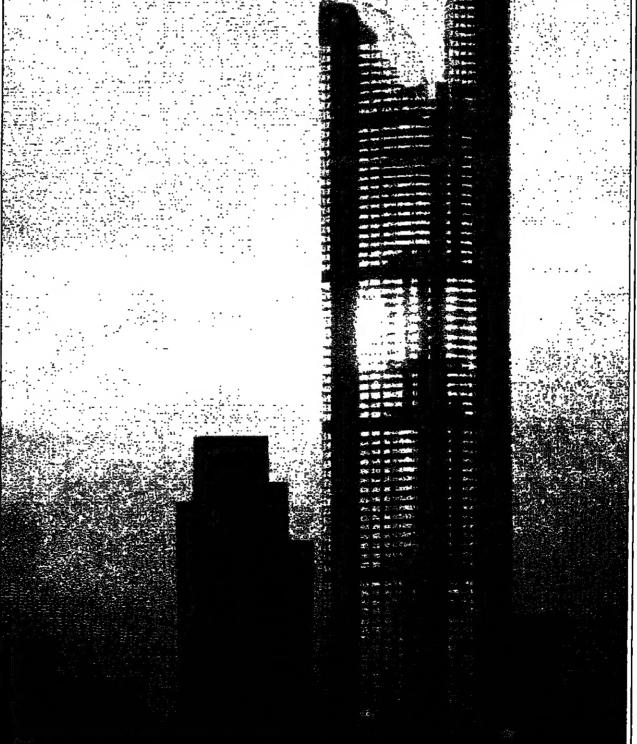
on top of the world. They tend to be wealthy and not to have any children," he explained.

"Once you are above 20 floors, above the treescape and adjoining buildings,

you are in a different "It doesn't matter if you are 500 ft up or 1,000 ft up, you are looking at ants at

the bottom. It is a fantastic feeling if you are not afraid of heights. turn to page 2 col 6

"gardens in the sky", in-cluding one 1,000 ft above Leader comment, page 8



All-seeing Robodog set to become the NYPD's best friend

ian Katz in New York

THE New York Police De-partment's newest weapon in its war against crime is officially known as Recon — the Remote Canine Optical Navigator — but most people just call him Robodog. An ingenious welding of

fitted with an infra-red video camera that beams pictures back to his handler. The futuristic pooch saw action for the first time last

week when he was deployed to hunt for an armed suspect holed up in a Staten Island house. The dog failed to find the man in the basement or An ingenious welding of high and low technology, Recon is an ordinary police dog which caught his interest.

had searched the lower floors, police concluded that the gunman was upstairs. They stormed a bathroom to find him already shot dead. The canine surveillance

system consists of a camera on a leather harness that and a tiny television monitor attached to the handler's bulletproof vest

animal rights activists, the department insists it will pull its dogs out of dangerous situations as soon as they spot a suspect.
Bulletproof vests are also

Anticipating criticism from

being developed. "We don't want the dog to confront a gun," said Sergeant Stephen Berger, who heads the NYPD's K-9 unit. "We're not

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A member of the Standard Life Group

Inside

An internet entrepreneur is to launch a foundation next month whose aim is to eliminate child comography on the net.

Finance

Sketch

Tel's hat-trick cheers 186 fans



John Duncan

ERRY VENABLES is obviously used to book sign-ings, though the last time he had to look at a queue as long as that waiting for him at Waterstone's EC3 branch yesterday they were probably lawyers with invoices rather than fans clutching copies of his new book The Best Game

Venables has never been afraid to stretch his legs outside the confines of football's closed circuit of groin strains and grass stains and give us a glimpse of his life in the game. though maybe three autobiographies in six years is

stretching it a bit. No one yesterday admitted to the hat-trick — signed copies of his two previous works — Venables: Son of Fred (1991) and Venables: the Autobiography (1994).

At least Venables made his experience count, asking for names to be spelt before scribbling anything, making smiling eye contact with absolutely everyone, and flirting perfectly with the women about 70 per cent of the queue) who came quivering to ask for his moniker.

'Who is this for, then?" "Just leave the name 'You haven't made your

mind up who the lucky guy is yet, eh?"

'Errr, no Mr Venables." Some punters had come largely to fantasise — "Could you sign it 'To Mark, the best player I never picked for England' "

Others came to play mischief with their mates — "To Clive: Arsenal 5, Spurs 0. In your dreams. Best Wishes Terry Venables

But all stood in justifiable awe of the man — relaxed, wearing a check sports jacket blue shirt and spotted tie — who had brought the nation national nearliness. Indeed, Venables looked

enuinely moved when one fan simply shook his hand and said: "Thank you. You did a good job.

His reaction to "Can you put, 'To Alan S, See You in Court' " was untested.

Venables was a hit too as far as the bookshop was concerned, soaring high in the Waterstone's staff unofficial league table of celebrity

signers. "Thatcher was our biggest, said Bernie Huddy, the floor

"No it was Mr Bean," said the shop manager Stuart Hatwell. "Yes but he didn't say anything, did he, so he doesn't count." said Ms Huddy. "He just kept in character the whole time. It's nice when someone has a bit of time to say something like Mr

At its biggest, Venables's queue — 186 in all — explored the fringes of Science Fiction and threatened to invade Cookery; the line for Rowan Atkinson had stretched out of the door and down the street and Mr Bean maintains his grip on the shop record of 750. "But he wouldn't write per-

sonal messages, so it was eas-ier," insisted Ms Huddy. Muhammed Ali's shaking nand managed a brave 500 in

four hours, but Delia Smith cooked up a storm in the en-durance event, getting through 700 in a full 11 to 7 eight-hour shift At least Waterstone's won't

hat least waterstone's won't be having to make a space under Fiction for Venables's last autobiography, thanks to Alan Sugar apparently with-drawing his libel action against it and Venables less against it and Venables last

Venables's genuine contributions to the genre - They Used To Play on Grass (a 1971 novel about football written with Gordon Williams) and the Hazell series - have already found their way into dusty antiquarian realms. A reissue is not on the cards.

Neither is a re-release of the product of Venables's other Seventies sideline, as a singe though it has to be said that Venables's version of Bye Bye Blackbird failed to leap like a young salmon at the far post of

Still, he and his lawyers are probably glad he didn't join Bobby Moore and Francis Les for a celebrity singalong. They had a hit with Sugar Sugar.

'I have no regrets because I had nothing to do with ordering the execution of anyone, or even suggesting it. I defended people and that's why they have survived until now





Pol Pot defector 'blameless'

HE once closed world of this key Khmer Rouge mili-tary base was in-vaded by foreign media yesterday as leng Sary, the former intimate of Pol Pot and now leader of a break-away Khmer Rouge faction, presented his case for reconciliation in exchange for

crowds of wide-eyed villag-ers lined the dirt roads of the base in north-west Cambodia as Russian-built helicopters ferried scores of journalists, officials and government troops from the border and the capital Phnom Penh as Cambodia took another step towards peace.

leng Sary, the former dep-uty prime minister of a regime that caused the deaths of 2 million Cambodians for which he and his former brother-in-law Pol Pot were sentenced to death in absentia in 1979 - showed no anxiety about his future.

"I know my case will be solved because everyone wants peace," he said

confidently.

But just in case they didn't, security was tight. Armed troops, some eyeing the allen invaders uneasily, guarded roads through the base, and journalists were frisked before being allowed into a press conference.

ress conference. the fact that I had nothing to in post-war Paris said he had still possible to express my Nget Saroeun, a veteran nado of red dust, he The press conference may do with ordering the execulalways been enamoured of de-opinion to a certain extent". fighter, said he was "very ex-want to go to school."



leng Sary has agreed to put Phnom Malai and the nearby

base of Pailin, along with sev-

eral thousand troops, under government control. He said he is just waiting to hear that

King Sihanouk has agreed to

grant the amnesty recom-mended by Cambodia's co-

With his future thus seem-

ingly assured, leng Sary, who said he was 76, wasted no

time on feelings of remorse.

The leading figures in the Khmer Rouge

POLPOT: as Brother Number One, he beof the Cambodian revolutionary movement Presided

in 1962. deaths of at

be a sign that his future is tion of anyone or even sug-secure. The government said gesting it," he claimed.

"I have no regret because of | learnt his revolutionary ideas

least 1 million people between 1975 and 1979. He was eported dead in June but believed to be alive and still in control of the Khmer

"When I saw some decisions about executing some-one I defended people and

that's why they have survived

For good measure he

quoted the London-based

Cambodia scholar Steven Heder as saying that there

was no clear proof of leng

Sary being implicated in the

purge of intellectuals.
The former student radical

and admirer of Stalin who

gesting it," he claimed.

until now." he boasted.

NUON CHEA: He is seen, along with Pol Pot, as the party's key ideologue. A very shadowy figure, he has never been interviewed since the Khmer Rouge was toppled in 1979. He "resigned" in 1986, but is believed to be still one of the top leaders.

SON SEN: The Khmer

Rouge defence minister and security tsar, he was deeply implicated in the horrors of the killing fields.

YUN YAT: Married to

Son Sen. she is. with the above, part of what leng Sary describes as the "gang of four". As information

mocracy and claimed he 'always advocated a moderate

All the blame for the hor-

rors of Khmer Rouge rule lay

with Pol Pot as the head of a "gang of four" who, through a

secret security committee, decided all the killings and

massacres" the dissidents

Ieng Sary claims that he had differences with Pol Pot 15 years before he came to

power. He said he only stayed

because "I wanted to preserve

our unity and thought it was

cited" by the influx of visitors who represented "clearly a picture of peace". He admitted that be case minister in the Khmer Rouge government, de-clared that Buddhism was 'incompatible with the

revolution".

KHIEU SAMPAN: As nominal president of the Khmer Rouge he handled negotiations at time of UNbrokered transition to de-mocracy in 1992. He is rumoured to want to join leng Sary in defecting to the gov-ernment side.

TA MOK: Brutal, oneegged military commander. In charge of areas where some of the worst massacres occurred. He "resigned" in

Before driving off in a new

land cruiser provided by the Phnom Penh army, he per-

formed another macabre ges-

ture of reconciliation when

he handed a diplomat a brown paper bag wrapped in cellophane which held the

cremated remains of Mathias

Wolfe. The German, who was in his early 30s, had travelled

by motorcycle across the bor-der from Thailand into

Klumer Rouge territory two years ago. He was captured

In Phnom Malai village,

and promptly executed.

thought of Pol Pot as a great-leader, standing erect in his clean, green Chinese uniform. But he changed his mind be-cause "his leadership, led people nowhere but to disaster and misery". The villagers tend to seree. Phnom Malai is more than ready for the benefits of devel-

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opment and and the villagers broke with Pol Pot because he was seen as standing in their The nest rows of solidly built houses with gleaming galvanised roofs were in

sharp contrast to the muddy shanties springing up around the border town of Poines. Small shops displayed modest assortments of consumer goods imported from Thai-land and tractors worked the surrounding fields.

Saroeun, the proud father of three children he would like to become nurses and ested in military matters than education

So did 12-year-old Chea who lost a leg in a landmine explosion three years ago and said he had never seen the inside of a classroom. Watching a giant white Russian built helicopter lifting off in a tor-Nget Saroeun, a veteran nado of red dust, he said: "I

Review

Comeback corpse lacks spark of life

Mick Martin

Salisbury Playhouse

ADDIE is significant not only as the first not only as the hash musical to be staged at Salisbury Playhouse for six years, but also as one of the first works to have been helped on its way by Stephen Sondheim's celebrated course at Oxford University, which its composer Stephen Keeling was invited to attend.

He emerged from Sond-heim's tutelage with a 20-min-ute extract, which became the basis of an eventual first draft later workshopped at the National Theatre Studio. No fewer than 11 further drafts, so the programme informs us, were performed before Maddie found its way to the Playhouse in a co-production with

All of which raises the question — can the art of writing a successful musical be taught? On the evidence of the first night of Maddie, the answer is

... well, up to a point.
The work seems to reflect
both the advantages and disadvantages of its lengthy ges-tation period. It is composed and written (book by Steven Dexter and Shaun McKenna) with studious care, makes genuine efforts to probe be-neath the surface of a fairly thin plot, and is engagingly varied in terms of style and mood. What is missing, though, is the spontaneity and spark that will bring the

whole thing to life. There is obvious humour in the story of a Hollywood ac-tress killed in a car crash in 1926 who, 55 years later, determines to resume her career by inhabiting the body of a museum curator's young wife.

There is poignancy too, in Maddie's reunion with her now septuagenarian former admirer. And there is consid erable dramatic potential in decision to fight back. But while all these elements are reflected in the book, Mc-Kenna and Dexter have fallen some way short of finding the neans of tying them convincingly together, and so trans-forming into a coherent whole what at present comes over as an over-long collection of promising bits and pieces.

The sense of dislocation is not dispelled by the songs. Keeling's music is impressively ambitious in range, and McKenna's lyrics steer well clear of the common trap of banality. But ultimately the musical numbers are tuneful rather than memorable. They are not helped by some baf-flingly unimaginative musi-cal staging, which robs individual numbers of meaning and expression, and the show as a whole of any sustained feeling of vitality.

Martin Connor's produc-tion will gain in definition and fluency as it beds in, and already has moments which suggest what the show could become — none more striking than the scene in which Maddie's outrageous behaviour (splendidly conveyed by Sum mer Rognile) scandalises a museum fund-raising evening. But my suspicion is that the overall uncertainty of both rhythm and tone is not wholly the product of early nerves. It may also indicate the fact that in their commendable desire to lick the flesh and bones of the story into theatrical shape, the writ ers have somehow lost sight of what really makes it tick. At Salisbury Playhouse until September 28.

Stylish markers along the way

THE range of projects de-signed by Sir Norman Fos-ter is considerable. Among them are:

The Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, University of East Anglia, Norwich Opened 1978 Gleaming.

aluminiumskinned arts centre, easily mistaken for aircraft hangar. The Willis Faber Building Ipswich Opened 1975

Shiny black insurance company headquarters, in the shape of a grand piano, with a lawn on the roof and swimming pool in basement. Now Grade I-listed.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Rank Hong Kong

Exposed steel skyscraper, with huge internal atrium scoop to bring light inside. Cost: £500 million. Stansted Airport

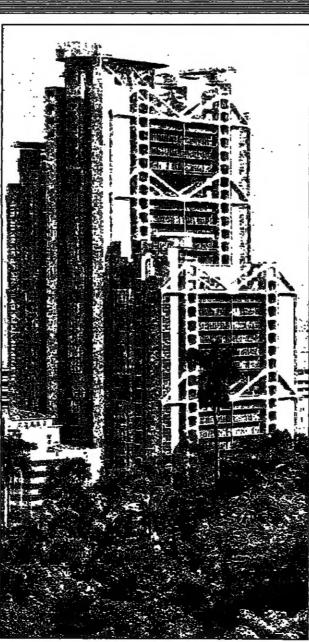
Cambridgeshire Opened 1991 Huge, white steel-and-glass minimalist temple with a vaulted-umbrella like roof. Barcelona Communications

Looks like Tintin's rocket. A needle-thin mast held in posi-tion by steel cables. Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre

Locals have dubbed it "the

The Reichstag Berlin Due to open in 1998 Glass dome inserted behind

classical facade.



Sir Norman Foster's Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, which is the tallest building in Asia

Bold mould breaking

Devan Sudiic on

an architectural concept that will cast a long shadow

NLIKE his peers, who have struggled to erect pale imitations of North American originals, Sir Norman Foster is the only

British architect to have built a convincing skyscraper. He did the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank tower, which he designed as if nobody had ever built a skyscraper before, going back to first principles to come up with a completely original building. With its suave grey steel skin and its muscular exposed structure, it is a handsome and restrained composition that would completely disap-

pear amid the chaos of the | sculpted top to give it a dis-Hong Kong skyline, were it tinctive personality. This, we not for its site at the head of will instantly know, when all the colony's Statue Square, one of the only open spaces left on the waterfront. The Millennium Tower is

another deliberate attempt to break out of the constraints of the conventional glass box, but there is no chance that it could disappear on London's skyline. Rather it will transform it for ever.

The mental picture that Londoners carry about their city will need a radical recalibration. Foster has broken the rectangular mould with a serpentine floor plan. And in an attempt to deal with the curiously diminishing effect of extreme height - once past the first dozen or so storeys, most high rises have a curious trick of looking less

the existing landmarks have disappeared, is still not Houston, Los Angeles or Tokyo; it's London.

The city whose skyline is crowned by the tower with the V-shaped top, rather than the one with the pyramid of the Chippendale top. This is a building that will

be gobsmackingly large. Its serpentine profile gives it narrow edges, but its facade, like a curtain stretched between two needle-thin, ultratall tent poles, will form the most dominant element. This is a big, bold, Godzilla,

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striding into town and casting a long shadow. The most positive thing that can be said about it is that it is large enough and dominant enough rather than more impressive to crush the NatWest Tower
— he has created a swooping into visual insignificance.

Jpper 40 to go sky high

continued from page 1 The new apartments would make fetch a "stonking price," he said.
Life in high condomini-

ums in New York, or even in the Belvedere penthouses in at the top of the pagoda-like 20-storey tower at Chelsea Harbour in London, where prices can be £3.5 million, was different, he pointed out, from being in a council tower block where the lifts were inclined not to work.
Outlining his plans for

the site which is now occupied by the Baltic Exchange building, hadly damaged by with the skyline in the Londer comment, page 8

an IRA bomb four years | heart of the City. It would ago, Sir Norman, aged 61, said: "Tall buildings are ex-like "a stick of rhubarb." pressions of the energy and aspirations of world class

modern cities. He went on: "The London Millennium Tower will be a statement of confidence in the City for the next Sunlight hitting the

curved glass facade of the building would make it ap-pear "elegantly slender and provide a different view of the building from each side,," Sir Norman said. The building would fit in

He added: "The thrill is doing it in London and not having to travel to other parts of the world. London deserves it."

Alan Winter, of developers Trafalgar House, said: "There is a requirement for large new high-quality office building

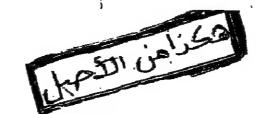
"It will also provide a landmark statement of the City of London's pre-eminence as Europe's financial capital."



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Unions scorn Dutch auction between Labour and Tories over restrictions on public sector workers

Fories raise strike stakes

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HE Tory party yes-terday triggered a Dutch auction with Labour over restric-tions on public sec-tor strikes, when Ian Lang, the Trade and Industry Secre-

In a transparent attempt to upstage today's well-trailed speech at the TUC conference speech at the TUC conference by Labour's employment Union executive meets to despokesman David Blunkett cide whether to escalate its two weeks or a month. But he

ic services, Mr Lang said the time had come to take Marga-ret Thatcher's step-by-step programme of legal curbs on unions "a little bit further." Mr Blunkett's intervention

had been calculated to draw the political sting of earlier leaks suggesting government ministers had been consider-ing banning public sector strikes in response to this summer's post, rail and Lon-der Underground

calling for binding arbitra- dispute with Royal Mail —

just as Tony Blair arrives in Blackpool to tell union lead-ers that trade unionism lies in partnership and member services, rather than "strikes

Strikes in seven regional railway companies are planned tomorrow by Rail Maritime and Transport

one-week notice period unions have to give employ-ers before they go on strike to

essential services had still not been ruled out; nor had Labour's idea of binding arbi-tration, though there was a danger, he said, of ending up with a "half-way house".

inappropriate". Union reaction at the TUC conference was fierce, with finger at the wrong people. several officials warning that any further restrictions on industrial action risked leading

was a nonsense; it had been tried by Ted Heath in the early 1970s and failed.
John Monks, TUC general secretary, said the Government should be looking at getting rid of the "need to strike, rather than the right to etrike". On the floor of the strike". On the floor of the congress, Bill Morris, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said: "Labour is pointing the

it was the employer who sacked the Tilbury dockers, despite a legal ballot. It was the employer who sacked the Liverpool dockers."

a uonsense; it had been ployment spokesman, Don by Ted Heath in the 1970s and failed. Shn Monks, TUC general product of crude political manoeuvring" and Mr Blun-kett's "closer to Thatcherism than socialism". Mr Blunkett is expected

today to announce a consulta tion exercise with unions and employers about ways of resolving public sector dis-putes over the next few months, including the bind-ing arbitration scheme.

He was keen to play down any suggestion that no strike arbitration arrangements would be compulsory.

Chairman's

BRIAN MAWHINNEY'S gaffes landed him in

trouble within months of

him becoming party chairman on July 5, 1995.

October 10: Ridiculed

Camden Council at the

blunders

As I am now 32 years old is there something wrong with me? ignored, COVEKTRY.

TAXMAN SAYS Age has nothing to do with whether you get a tax return or not. We will send you a tax return if you are self-employed, a company director, or someone with more complex tax affairs. Most people don't get a tax return so you're certainly not alone. However, if you receive income that has not been taxed and you haven't been sent a tax return you must tell us. Call your Tax Office and talk to someone there if you are still worried. The telephone number

THE CHLAND LEPERDE ADSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS ADOUT SELF ASSESSME

Dear Taxman I feel neglected, all my friends get

tax returns to fill in but you have never sent me one.

Dear Taxman To dute, I keep proper records, the new

party conference for fund-ing the Hopscotch Asian Women's Centre. It emerged the scheme was funded by the Home Office and Save The Children to teach childcare and basic literary skills to Banglade-October 11: Angered who feel a sentence is too lenient to write in protest to the judge.

□ December 7: Confused a

speaking engagement by the Lord Chancellor at the Guildhall with a cabinet document briefing ministers on Lord Mackay's views. The Telegraph printed a story saying Lord Mackay had warned judges tax out of me? not to overstep the mark in quashing ministers' deci-Paranoid, BARNES. tions at the Guildhall when he had said nothing of the

sort. The leak was traced back to Mawhinney. ☐ February 12, 1996: He attributed remarks supporting the existing House of Lords to left-wing author and director Jonathan Miller confusing him with journalist Jonathan Miller who had penned them. The author Miller said after-wards: "The man is a fool." ☐ April 17: Became furious on Radio 4's Today Programme on the day the local election campaign was launched when it was suggested the Tories would need to do something as

Thatcher to win the next Used mock baked bean tins to ridicule Labour and Lib-Dem tax plans.

April 19: Launched Look! the good news tabloid which was derided by a number of the people it featured. Darcey Bussell, the ballerina, was portrayed as supporting the Govern-

dramatic as dumping

ment when she does not. ☐ April 23: Infuriated pro-European MPs when he cancelled a conference organised by MEPs which he feared could attract Euro-

to "reach to the highest levels of our institutions. You can

only corrupt people if you have the capability to do it."

Mr Kendall's warning was followed by a call from David Bickford, former legal adviser

to MI5 and MI6, for the UE

government to abolish secret

offshore banking, which he

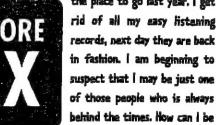
said was a key weapon of or-

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Assessment just a conning way of wheedling more

TAXMAN SAYS Not if you Dear Taxman As don't wish to. If you already soon as I buy clothes they deal with tax affairs yourself immediately go out of style. I there is no reason to change. In spend a fortune on an exotic fact, if you are organised and holiday only to discover it was the place to go last year. I get



Dear Taxman Is Self

TAXMAN SAYS No. Self Assessment is not a new tax working out and paying tax. comeback.

in fashion. I am beginning to suspect that I may be just one behind the times. How can I be sure that I am up to date with my tax? Concerned, LEICESTER. TAXMAN SAYS Simple Have you filled in and sent off all the

tax returns that you have received? Have you replied to any letters we have sent you? Have you paid all your tax bills? and does not affect the If the ensurer is 'yes' to all of amount of fax you pay. If is these then don't worry, you're just a clearer and more up-to-date. And if it's any help, straightforward system for white stilettos are due for a

Dear Taxman How big is you are self-employed, there will the new Self Assessment tax be four extra pages to fill in.) You form? I have a bad back and the will get a full list of the supple doctor says I can't do any heavy mentary pages available and if you

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tary, floated a proposal for a "cooling-off" period of up to one mouth before industrial action can be taken.

don Underground stoppages.

The political stakes will be further raised today when the

(RMT) union members and strike ballot results will be announced for a further 10 companies on Thursday.

Mr Lang's latest election-eering gambit is to extend the announced for a further 10 companies on Thursday.

The Prime Minister added Lang's musings, saying strikes were falling into dis-use, andwere "wholly

to wildcat "anarchy.

Jimmy Knapp, RMT gen-eral secretary, said Mr Lang's idea of a cooling-off period

Cometh the man . . . taking over from Jeremy Hanley at Tory Party HQ; on the air at the BBC and (right) the good news tabloid Look!, which proved bad news for Mawhinney Major's hard man turns off the voters

David Hencke on the dour Ulsterman who has managed to alienate even the

blue-rinse Tories RIAN Mawhinney was brought in by John Major to be the Arnold Schwarzeneg gar of the Tory Party. A tough guy with a killer instinct when dealing with Labour.

But now, just over a year into his job as chairman of the party, the hard man of the hustings is doing no better than his wimpish ham-acting Far from being a box office hit with the voters, Mr Mawhinney is rated as a doing a bad job by an astounding 85

per cent. Even among the blue-rinsed loyalist vote, the second Ul-sterman to make the Cabinet since Walpole's premiership. can only muster a 31 per cent approval rating.

Labour's equivalent of Big Arnie, John Prescott, who promotes Labour with tough talking and whirly hats, commands 55 per cent support.

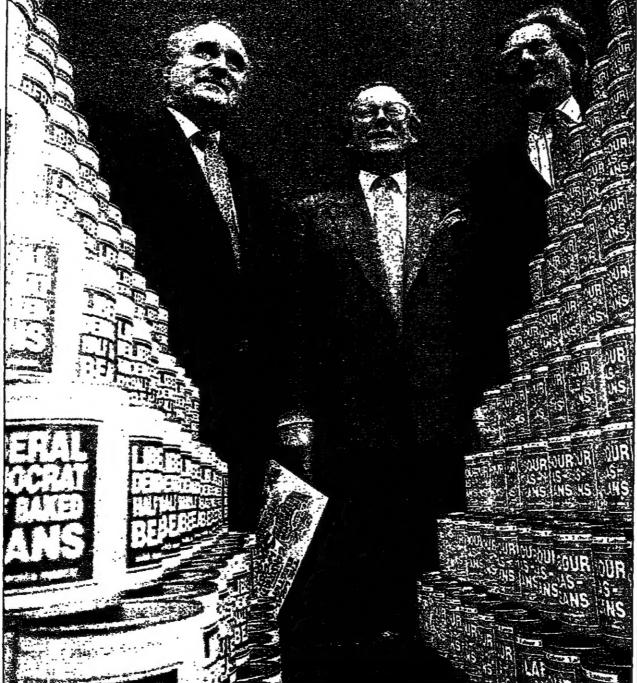
Mr Mawhinney's final humiliation came yesterday with the Daily Telegraph poll showing that even 41 per cent of all Tory voters back Mr Prescott as doing a good job in putting over the anti-Tory case - 10 per cent above the Tory chairman's rating for bashing Labour.

How has Mr Mawhinney done so badly? The dour Ulster Protestant had an appalling reputation in the Department of Health and the Department of Transport. "The ego has landed" was a

regular catchnhrase among

civil servants when his plane "I can honestly say he was the most unpleasant man I've ever had the misfortune to work with," said another Department of Transport official Those in the Department of Health said he was narrowminded, prudish, stand-offish and had tempered. This came

out iwhen he banned the 'smutty' safe sex guide issued by the now defunct Health Education Authority. He can be charming to indi-vidual journalists, but the man who quaffs Lucozade Life by the crate has little time for small talk and is not keen to take advice or expend too much time on research.



Mr Mawhinney with John Gummer and Michael Heseltine at the launch of the baked bean offensive

Except, of course, to calculate the anti-Tory swing in his Peterborough constituency. where after representing the new town for over a decade, he has now joined the chicken run by opting for a safe new rural Cambridgeshire seat Even nearby Tory neigh-

bours like Jerry Hayes, who plans to stand to the bitter

Boswell was an atrocious

gossip. He had the virtue in a

biographer of bad taste, which is

to say he was not imposed on by

the polite fashions of his day. But

then, in the nineteenth century.

came earnestness. Biography

was crucially infected by the

blight of Victorianism.

end to defend Harlow from one of the most sleaze-free rampaging Blairites, have politicians in the Tory Party privately felt his action was a stab in the back. His year in Central Office has

led to a series of gaffes in speeches and the mishandling of presentations to revive the Tories standing in the polls. But he does have strong points. He is guaranteed to be loyal to John Major, and is

- the only member of the Cabinet who instructed his ministers to have nothing to do with lobbying companies. He also has loval spin doc tors - Sheila Gunn, the for mer Times lobby correspondent and ex-mistress of former transport minister Steven Norris, and Charles

Lewington, the former Sun-day Express political editor. But Mawhinney was never the favourite of Mr Norris. whose memoirs have been sold to the Daily Mail for a reputed £250,000. Tory insiders will be amazed if yet more Mawhinney gaffes do not emerge in the party faithful's favourite newspaper next

Heathrow seized 180kg of co- | nals that controlled the trade

gal trade to buy off leading politicians and officials, the head of Interpol said

caine with a street value of £30 million in the hold of a jet on a routine flight from South America, Mr Kendall said that a "dimension shift" had occurred in the fight against corruption. The Interpol secretary gen-

eral told a conference of more than 800 international law enforcement officers and prose-cutors in Cambridge: "The most severe threat today is the enormous economic resources in the possession of organised crime elements." The £500 billion estimate of

the annual proceeds of drug trafficking is only slightly less than the UK's gross do-mestic product, and Mr Ken-On the day that police at | dall said it allowed the crimi- | ence of organised crime."

Drugs cash 'buys power'

Richard Thomas Economics Correspondent

HE West is fighting an uphill battle against in-ternational drug mugglers as the leading cartels use the annual £500 billion proceeds of their ille-

esterday. Ray Kendall, formerly assistant deputy commissioner of the Metropolitan police. warned that the drugs barons

eanised crime.

'The only justification for offshore bank secrecy is the economic benefit derived to the countries harbouring these offshore centres," he said. "That this justification is put forward at all is an example of the overwhelming subversive corruptive influ-

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were evading detection and capture by burrowing into the political fabric of the de**News in brief**

Man arrested after fatal London blast

A MAN of 50 was arrested in Ealing, west London, yesterday following an explosion in a four storey building there in which one man died and two other people were seriously injured. According to firefighters, a fire after the explosion — which police are treating as possible arson — caused a gas explosion in the early hours of yesterday morning. It blew out the front of

the building which contained a grocer's shop on the ground floor and flats above it. Several cars parked outside were also

damaged.

The dead man, who has not yet been named, was found on the second floor. Another man, aged 24, and a woman of 25 who escaped by jumping 40ft from the top storey as neighbours looked on were last night described as critical in hospital with serious burns and other injuries. Two others in the building at the time were also taken to hospital suffering from shock and minor injuries, while more than 20 people living nearby were evacuated from their homes. Raymond Campbell, who lives near the scene of the explosion said: "There were some people standing on the pavement and I could see a couple on top of the building. Some guys were screaming at them to jump and they just leapt off the top storey, falling on to the pavement below." — Vicek Chaudhary

Japanese firm race case

A FORMER senior executive at a Japanese finance firm in the City of London yesterday accused the bosses of racial discrimination. Brian Mooyaart, 49. of Faversham, Kent, told an industrial tribunal in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, that bosses at Sakura Finance International treated non-Japanese staff like "second class citizens". He said the firm operated "what would appear to be a blatantly racial, doctrinal tract" and that when he questioned one of his bosses about this he was told it was "a fact of life".

The tribunal heard Mr Mooyaart allege he was overlooked for a department head's job, which went to an Oriental rival, and that less skilled managers had on more than one occasion arrived from Tokyo and been placed above him. Mr Mooyaart, whose case is being funded by the Commission for Racial Equality, claims unfair dismissal against the securities house, where he worked between 1987 and 1995. The company denies racial discrimination and the hearing is expected to last until Friday.

Fondling ex-head jailed

THE former headmaster of a Devon boarding school was yester-day jailed for three years at Bristol crown court after being convicted of indecently assaulting boys in his care. Robert Hay, a 42-year-old father of two, was convicted in July on seven charges of indecent assault involving six pupils aged nine to 12. The assaults took place betwen August 1992 and June of last year.

During the 10-day trial the court heard how Hay visited the boys' dormitories after lights out and fondled them as they lay in bed pretending to be asleep. The school cannot be named for legal reasons. Hay, who is seeking leave to appeal, maintained during the trial he had done nothing indecent to any of the boys.

Police check on union cash

POLICE were yesterday asked to investigate the finances of the GMB general union in the North following the departure of a senior official amid complaints of irregularities. In calling for tough action, the union's 80-strong central executive council also decided to sack Nick Anderson, GMB northern regional secretary until two weeks ago. Mr Anderson, 56. who was also northern regional chairman of the Labour Party. had opted to take early retirement when an auditor's report raised "serious matters of concern". A union official has suggested that extravagence rathe than dishonesty is at issue.

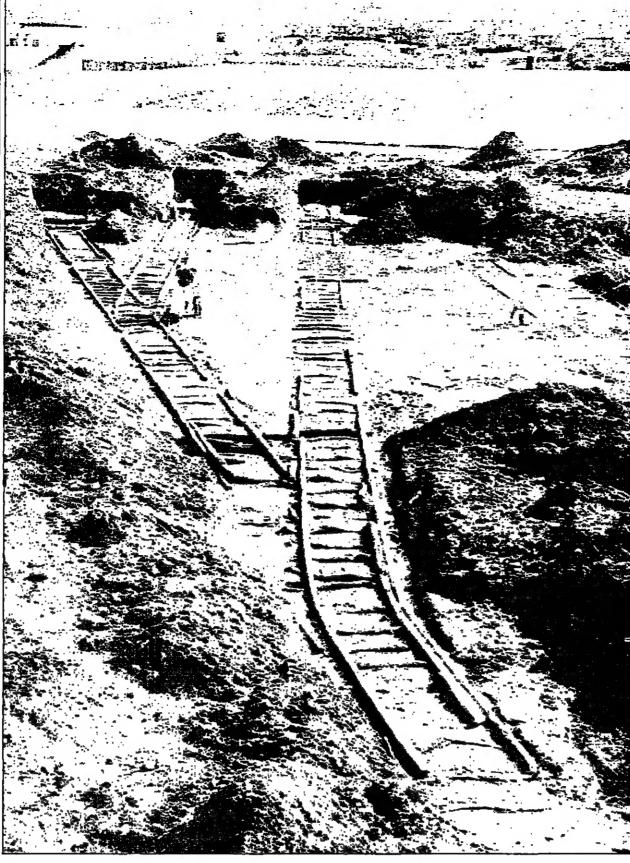
Botham libel appeal

CRICKETER Ian Botham is to appeal and seek a retrial after losing his 13-day libel case against Imran Khan, his lawyer said yesterday. Botham, who with fellow cricketer Allan Lamb sought damages against the former Pakistan captain, is appealing on the grounds that the jury was misdirected during the High Court libel action, which they lost in July — leaving them with an estimated \$400,000 legal bill. Botham and Lamb had sued Khan for libel. claiming he branded them cheats and racists. A spokesman for

'Rogue' Tory stepping down

JOHN Carlisle, one of John Major's most troublesome backbenchers and the member for Luton North who threatened to challenge him for the Tory leadership, is to step down as an MP after 17 years at the general election in order to return to business He becomes the 57th sitting Tory MP to step down at the election. and Labour seized on the news as the latest example of a Tory MP deserting a seat that will become marginal as a result of boundary changes. — Rebecca Smithers

Oldest wooden railway found preserved by coal waste



ONE of the oldest surviving railway networks in the country has been found under the remains of an old coke works on the outskirts A makeshift points sys-

Hetherington. Perfectly Perfectly preserved under layers of coal dust and hardened colliery waste, it includes 400 metres of wooden rails dating from 1780 - and grouped to form sidings.

Railway buffs yesterday said the discovery pushed the frontiers of industrial history back by a consider-able period. "This could well be the oldest surviving

system in the world," enthused Andrew Scott, director of the National Railway

tracks, and one of the first examples of iron rails, probably made around 1820, have been uncovered. The discovery, on the 150acre site of the Lambton coke works, which closed in the mid-1980s, was made

uncovered a few wooden during reclamation.
Sunderland council secretly alerted archaeologists

when an excavator driver

and excavation revealed the

of Sunderland, writes Peter | tem | linking five separate | manager, said the site was | tions before winter. revealing the continuing history of railways from the first wooden track. through to iron rails — and then on to full locomotion.

So far about 70 metres has been found, but another 330 is believes to be lying close to the surface.

After archaeologists had recovered to prevent deterioration.

Now Sunderland council. finest example of an old which financed the dig. Keith Hamilton, the that archaeologists can council's conservation complete their investiga-

Cash from the Heritage lottery fund to pay for a feasibility study is being sought.

The problem now is what to do with the site, which lies on the route of a proposed bypass. Some, like Mr Hamilton, think the area should be declared a photographed and videod National Heritage site. the rails, they were quickly while others say sections of recovered to prevent track might be distributed to various museums.

Group aims to clean up Internet

Robin Hunt

N INTERNET entrepreneur is to launch foundation next month whose aim is to eliminate "99.9 per cent of child pornography on the Internet in the UK"

Peter Daw, founder of Uni-palm Pipex, which he cently sold for a reputed £35 million, announced yesterday the formation of Safety Net to hinder the distribution of illegal material on the Inter-net". The service which includes a hotline, will allow anyone to report incidents of pornography and copyright

The announcement coincided with a claim by a law-yer that a UK regulatory body for the Internet will be in place "within a year". Nick Higham, a partner at Denton Hall said yesterday: "The In-ternet service providers will be given a few months to clean up their act. If they don't make progress we will see increased police activity, and then a Private Member's Bill to test the water." He said a regulatory body was likely. Mr Daw, who describes

himself as an interested citi-zen, said his initiative was because "there has to be action now, the public sentiment is there". He hoped his founda-tion would offer a two-tier service: providing net users with a focus for complaints and offering Internet service providers a range of commercial services to clean up their

web sites. These services are: a classification process of the various newsgroups which carry in-formation (it is these which have caused most widespread public alarm, as some carry explicit child and adult pornography). Safety Net will also offer to

search for material which has been complained about, and classify it against its own checklist. There will be a service to build filters against pornographic and other types of material, and a pre-vetted news service which has already removed articles that will bring distress or break

velopers Association, was welcomed by Superintendent Mike Hoskins of the clubs and vice unit of the Metropolitan

Home Office sources confirmed yesterday that an inter-departmental working group is examining pornography on the Internet as part of a wider brief to investigate obscenities.

Earlier Mr Hoskins, a menber of the Home Office working party, had suggested that Internet service providers who make child pornography available on the net are committing offences.

The technical highly complex: child pornog-raphers are able to displace the material to other news.

groups anonymously.

The commercially minded of the net community came out strongly in favour of cen-sorship, but the service providers are most worried. For those people who build web sites, of course they want the web cleaned up." said one. I'm more worried about going to jail."

John Browning, executive editor of Wired magazine in the UK, said news groups on the Internet are not published per se, but are like parks into which anyone can venture. Mr Hoskins disagrees. News groups, he says, are like li-braries, and the librarian is the Internet service provider.

Cliff Stanford, founder of Demon Internet, a service provider that has been the ocus of much of the debate about child pornography, suggested a hotline to the DTL With a lot of hard work we will make something hap-

pen," he said. Others were not so sure, A spokeswoman for Feminists Against Censorship, and David Webb of the National Campaign for the Reform of the Obscene Publications Act. both claimed this was an at-tempt to establish an arbitrary system of regulation. Others called it an attempt to impose a quango by the back

Mr Daw disagreed, but said that while it was not an objec-tive of the foundation to be-come the official UK classification and censorship body, it The announcement, at an was a possibility. Mr Daw Internet and Censorship seminar run by the Internet Dewould stand down. Dead :

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Discarded gun goes off in hands of boy aged 10

Nick Variey

POLICE were last night conducting forensic tests on a semi-automatic handgun which was fired by a 10-yearold boy after children found it dumped in an alley.

Adam Walsh was playing hide-and-seek with friends when a seven-year-old discovered the weapon in undergrowth near their homes in

Coventry.
The children thought it was a toy but were not sure if it was a water pistol or a cap gun. They decided to take it back to Adam's home, yards away, to ask his mother.

But as Adam walked to the front door carrying the Colt self-loading pistol it went off. The bullet bit the door frame. His mother Deborah, aged 30, said: "They had carried it all the way round to the front of my house unaware that it was real and had bullets

"It was then that Adam's finger must have touched the trigger and it went off. I heard the bang and went outside to see Adam just standing there looking so shocked.

"It wasn't until I saw the bullet embedded in the wall that I realised it was a real

There were other children standing around and any one of them could have been

"I just hope the police can get some fingerprints off the gun and put away whoever

Firearms experts said the weapon, a 7.65mm semi-automatic pistol could kill at more Police are now checking whether it had been used in a

Sgt Steve Craddock, of Coventry CID, said: "This could

crime before being dumped.

County Durham to Dusseldorf taxi fare worth £600 minus tip

Owen Bowcott

PART-TIME cabbie Gary Chisholm was used to unning fares around his home town of Peterlee, County Durham, or sometimes as far afield as Newcastle. Then six unemployed building workers walked in and asked to be taken to work — near Dusseldorf.

Gary and his employers, Phillips Taxis, thought men produced £600 and said they needed to be in Germany the following day to carry out asbestos-stripping work.

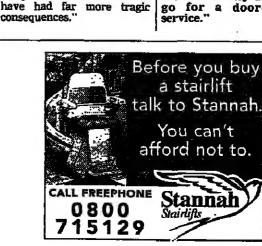
The day-long 750-mile ride ended without a tip because the men, from Hartle-pool and Jarrow, were so short of cash. But the taxi company was

ot complaining. North-east isn't the best place to find work," said the firm's manager, Mick Lister, aged 49, "and when these lads got the chance they weren't going to be

stopped.
"We were glad to help them make it to the site on time. But Gary needed a day off when he reached.

Most of those who travel to work on Germany's building projects — as cele-brated in the television series Auf Wiedersehen Pet uled flights or own a vehi-

"These lads had thought about taking a flight but realised it would be far more expensive when you added in all the local taxi rides," said Mr Lister. 'Their final destination was 90 miles south of Dus-seldorf. So they decided to go for a door-to-door



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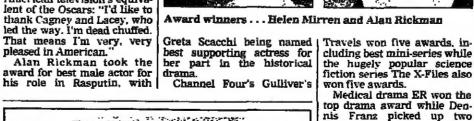


CTRESS Helen Mirren picked up her first Emmy award on another successful night for Britain at America's premier television awards ceremony. Ms Mirren was named best lead actress at the ceremony in Pasadena for her role as a police inspector in Prime Sus-

She told the audience at the 48th Emmy awards ceremony. American television's equivalent of the Oscars: "I'd like to thank Cagney and Lacey, who led the way. I'm dead chuffed. That means I'm very, very plessed in American" pleased in American." Alan Rickman took the

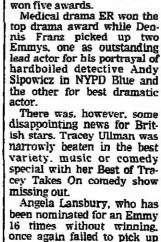












an award for her role in the Murder She Wrote series. The award for best dra matic actress went instead to Kathy Barker in the series Picket Fences.

Singer Tony Bennett won his first Emmy for best per formance in a variety or music programme. The ceremony was watched

by an estimated world-wide

television audience of 600

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oup aim clean up

Unruly pupil school hit by boycott

Donald MacLeod Education Corres

ARENTS withdrew more than 30 children yesterday from the Nottinghamshire junior school where a disruptive boy is receiving individual tuition after a strike threat by teachers.

A compromise agreement between the governing body of Manton junior school. Worksop, and the teachers' union was jeopardised by pro-tests from other parents de-manding that the 10-year-old be removed from the school.

Matthew Wilson was twice expelled by the headteacher for disruptive behaviour, but was reinstated by the gover-nors. Members of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers refused to each him this term, but after talks arranged by the local authority Matthew returned to the school yesterday to be taught by a supply teacher at a cost of £14,000 a year.

Nottinghamshire county council made no comment yesterday, but it is understood a meeting with parents is to be arranged. The dispute could now escalate as local authorities threaten teachers

A petition signed by 150 people has called for the boy's removal from the school. They are taking our children's money to pay for him to have a one-to-one teacher. These children won't go back until he is out of the school," said one mother.

Under the deal agreed between governors and union leaders, Matthew was escorted into school when other pupils and staff were in their classrooms. A teacher gave escort him home before other pupils broke for lunch. Mat-thew also has to abide by a contract of good behaviour. Matthew's mother, Pamela

Cliffe, denies her son is vio-lent, and only agreed to have him taught in isolation to prevent a strike closing the 190pupil school. Her solicitor Steven Williams, who proposed a meeting of parents and teachers, said: "She is now upset that he is being given no incentive to improve his behaviour. Not being allowed to play with other kidds a hell of a punishment."

Nigel de Gruchy, the union's general secretary, said he understood the conthat the solution "is very far spent on Matthew's education was the only way of keeping the school open.

Teachers leaders yester-day accused ministers of breaking promises to strengthen school security made after the Dunblane mas-sacre and the murder of head teacher Philip Lawrence. writes John Carvel.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, told the National Union of Teachers that any extra funds for security measures must come out of general educational grants leaving local authorities to pick up 40 per cent of the cost. Doug McAvoy, the general

secretary, said none of the money would be available in the present financial year and there was no commitment to continued funding. "They are doing nothing, and they are doing it slowly.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Associa-tion of Head Teachers, said local authorities did not have the money this year and could him lessons and was due to not afford a 40 per cent share.

British Association annual science festival in Birmingham



A schoolboy experiments with an exhibit at the British Association festival in Birmingham yesterday

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Radar uncovers buried Roman city

Jane Alfred

RCHAEOLOGISTS have unearthed a "British Pompeii" without putting a spade into the ground, they revealed at the British Association's annual science festival in Birmingham, which opened yesterday. They described how remote

surveying techniques pro-duced plans of city life Wroxeter which was discovered a few kilometres from the Shropshire town of Shrewsbury and was the fourth largest city in Roman Britain. It was inhabited for more than four hundred years. "There's still a place for

ham University. "These images give you a plan, but it's not like coming into contact with the real thing. Because spades are so expensive, so destructive, we need to complement them with other techniques.

Archaeologists used magne-

Digging without spades @ Ground penetrating radar The same principle as that used to An archaeolOgical dig at Wroxeter, near Shrewsbury, is pioneering new ways of digging up the past. All the data from the various surveys are fed through a computer which builds a 3D model of the site, in this case a Roman town. waves are 'fired' into the ground. The suggests the depth of the denser Resistivity
Electrodes are buried in the ground and Dense objects buried underground cause minute distortions to the earth's magnetic field. The survey

Resistivity and magnetometry exploit distortions in elec-trical resistance and the

city.
To unravel the complex layer of remains at Wroxeter.

tometry, resistivity and caused by buried wails and also used ground penetrating ground penetrating radar to ditches — to produce two-discrete the buried city. pictures of the city taken at different depths, which stacked together form 3D Cornoviorum, as the Romans earth's magnetic field — teams of archaeologists have images of Roman city life.

Using these techniques the archaeologists have un-earthed hidden traces of houses, shops, streets and of septic shock in Britain even a Roman church. They and Europe each year: 40 to have also found the remains of a fire which swept through the city, destroying market stalls and buildings

"With a place like Wroxeter you can't realistically dig the whole city, so you've got to use these techniques to combine with the archaeology, Mr Buteaux said.

Wroxeter gradually decaved but remained complete in plan after being abandoned in medieval times for Shrewsbury.
"It's going to be places like Wrozeter that can give us the

whole plan of a city life," said Mr Buteaux. offers, which very few places

The archaeologists ultimately hope to produce a virtual reality experience of the city which the public can use called Wroxeter.

☐ TECHNIQUES for supressing nitric oxide in the blood vessel walls could save 100,000 lives a year, scientists revealed yesterday. There are 200,000 cases 50 per cent of which result in death. Nitric oxide is a natural

igent which controls blood pressure and is an agent in the treatment of heart attacks. Blood pressure rises as the nitric oxide level in the body falls, and this suggested new treatments for hypertension, di-abetes and cholesterol disorders. But, Salvador Moncarda, of the University College London, told the festival yesterday that it was now understood that patients in septic shock were over-producing nitric oxide. — Tim Radford

☐ THE Wellcome Trust charity yesterday announced a science writing prize that would be "bigger

than the Booker". The winner — who will be a scientist who has not hitherto written a popular science book — would get £25,000 in instalments to write a book about the work to which they had devoted their career. Entrants will submit to the judges a chapter and a synopsis of their planned book.

□ ONE hundred million years ago, Antarctica was covered with forest, and vegetarian dinosaurs browsed on decidnous leaves. There were large rivers and catastrophic floods which covered trees and animals in mud. leaving them as fossils to be ex-Now more than 99 per cent of the continent lies under ice, in places nearly three

miles deep.
David Cantrill, of the
British Antarctic Survey, "The forests seem to indi-cate some sort of temperate ous types of leaves, and the growth rings preserved in the wood tell us there is a seasonal climate. Continental drift ended it all." —

Tim Radford

Dead conductor faced sex case

RENOWNED choral conductor had been charged with indecency people who may have been spades in archaeology," said involving a child under 16 the victims get the appropriate Simon Buteaux, director of day before plunged to his counselling. day before plunged to his death from a road bridge.

Christopher Barnett, aged 37. of Halesworth, Suffolk, was told police were investigating two other allegations

For the past 12 years Mr Barnett was director of the Wenhaston boys' choir. whose patron is composer Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber.

day confirmed that officers from the Suffolk special offences team had charged and released him on police bail "pending further inquiries into two other indecency allegations of a similar nature". The force said a joint police

and social services inquiry into the allegations would continue and revealing that letters are to be sent to the parents of other children believed to have been at risk, urging them to speak to their sons and to contact the police if they have any concerns.

Mr Barnett was found dead on the banks of the River Orwell last Thursday after apparently throwing himself off the 160 ft high bridge on the A12. The alarm was raised after his car was found parked nearby. His death occured on the eighth birthday of one of his two sons.

Detective Chief Inspector Andrew Ravasio, who is leading the police inquiry, said: h his work Mr Barnett had contact with a lot of | inquest will be held.

young people. Despite his death, we still have an ongoing inquiry and we also still have a very real responsi-bility to ensure that young

"This is obviously a very sensitive area, but our first priority must be to make sure that any boys who come for ward get the correct help. All such cases will be dealt with in the strictest confidence and treated with the utmost sensitivity. There is no need for anyone to attend a police station as we have specialis facilities to allow us to speak

to people in private."

Mr Barnett had helped his choir to many international successes, including a recent appearance at the Vatican before the Pope and a concert at the White House. The choir regularly performed at West-minster Abbey and St Paul's

Cathedral. In a statement shortly after his death, the choir praised Mr Barnett for creating a mu-sical environment which had "enriched the lives of many young people". A meeting is to be held with parents to discuss the future of the choir which is made up of boys drawn from north Suffolk.

Prayers were said for Mr Barnett at many local churches over the weekend. choir, he also worked with up to 17 other choral ensembles and had built an international reputation as a choir

trainer. Police said there were no suspicious circumstances. An

Research 'golden egg'

Tim Radford Science Editor

LEADING scientist last night warned the Government that "ignorant and insensitive" plans to manage university research on business lines "would kill a goose that was still laying golden eggs". Sir Ronald Oxburgh, rector

of Imperial College, London, and president of the festival, said universities made a significant contribution to wealth and security by spontaneous, undirected research.
"Even the best foresight panel in the world is going to be unlikely to identify the one coming from left field, the un-

expected: penicillin, or BSE,"

Laser research began in university physics depart-ments, and had become the

Universities helped Britin's invisible exports. Some 80,000 foreign post-graduate researchers, in Britain be-cause of the international reputation of its universities and laboratories, provided £1

'It is not possible to to measure the contribution of

university research'

billion a year in foreign earnings. Britain was a world leader in producing research scien-tists. "With a population about a fifth that of the US and a research spend of about a tenth, we produce nearly the

workers with PhDs as they do. But the real contribution of university research to national well-being was probably impossible to measure. Should it be judged by the value scientists had for industry, of the creation of jobs? Or the way it broadened and informed public debate on sci-entific and ethical matters?

"Or is it to be judged by the contribution research makes to the underlying knowledge that human beings have of their universe, themselves and other forms of life?" Science and technology were more important now

than at any time in history, Sir Ronald said, "That is the message of global warming, of modern fertility treatment, of Brent Spar, of BSE."

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Asian entrepreneurs hope offspring will move into professional careers

Chris Mihill

of Britain's Asian businessmen may run out of steam as their children go into into professional careers, researchers say today.

Asian shopkeepers and small businessmen, praised for their get-up-and-go by Baroness Thatcher, often chose self-employment not to become rich but because of a lack of job opportunities. Many want their children to go into careers like medicine or law.

A survey of 129 businesse by Tariq Modood, Hilary Met-calfe and Satnam Virdee of the Policy Studies Institute, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, found that half had increased turnover since setting up, but a fifth had seen a decrease.

ess successful than African

Asians or Indians. One in four British Asians is self employed, twice the proportion for the white population. Among Pakistanis, in particular, most said they set up businesses because of a lack of local jobs or racism in the employment market. There was a fairly strong

feeling amongst all Asians that they did not want their children to carry on their business. Half were against them doing this with only one fifth in favour, suggesting that the boom in self-employment may be about to run out of steam," the report says. Many businesses remain

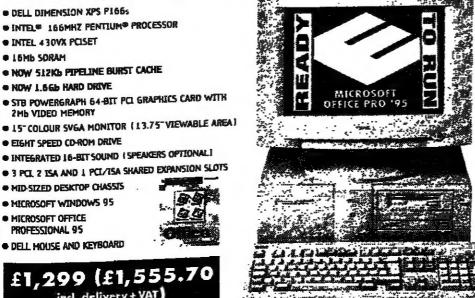
one-man operations or relied on family labour. However, the 12 largest between them employed nearly 300 people. Nearly half the businesses were in the retail sector.

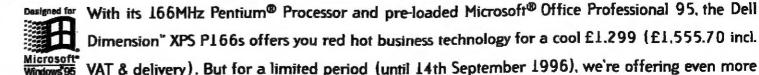
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The president's fiery populism has begun to turn authoritarian, reports David Hearst in Minsk

Belarus adrift with bully at the helm



Lukashenko: 'President

'Lukcastro", and connects an independent radio station from its transmitter or freezes the funds of independent

He bullies parliament, bans lemonstrations and issues decrees on the length of time state officials should be on

He is Alexander Lukeshanko, a fiery orator cata-pulted to the Belarus presi-dency in July 1994 on a wave of popular discontent with economic decline, who has since become his small coun-try's main hate figure.

"I am often criticised for apparently authoritarian inemods of management, but I don't think this is right." Mr Lukashenko told a Russian newspaner "Vac

known as act firmly, decisively. I castro", and declare a target and I do other month everything to achieve it. But this is not authoritarianism. This is inevitability." What is inevitable is a clash

with parliament, which the 41-year-old president plans to neuber in a way which would make Russia's president. Boris Yeltsin, seem liberal. On November 7, President Lukashenko plans to bold a referendum on a new consti-tution which would extend his term of office for two and a half years, give him the power to choose an upper chamber of parliament to give presidential decrees the force of law, and allow him to appoint half the members of the constitutional court and conconstitutional court and cen-

It's a familiar story in the post-Soviet world and it may

talk of a "state coup". Mr Lukashenko's propensity for hands on manage-ment has united a fractured opposition. The communists and integrationists - who once supported him for his promises to reunite Belarus

tained political asylum in the United States national bank of Belarus, Stanislav Bagandevich, has proposed impeaching the president and parties in par-lisment are this week forming a campaign to scrap the dency and create a parismentary democracy.

Gennady Karpyenko, the

with an armed stand-off and said: "A broad circle of politi-talk of a "state coup". ctans in Belarus are uniting against a president who is simply usurping all power." Mr Lukashenko has threatmed to dismise parliament if it does not approve the No-vember 7 referendum date.

He has presided over a stag-

with Russia — now speak of nating economy, which him in much the same tones shrunk by 10 per cent last with Russia — now speak of as the nationalist rightwing year and is only held together Belarussian Popular Front, two of whose leaders have obby Russia's decision to waive 2900 million of debts. But these problems cannot all be attributed to Mr Lukashenko, who came to power

on a popular wave of eco-nomic re-integration with nents deride him for scrapping the national flag and reinstituting the Soviet one and for making Russian once again the official language. But for the vast majority of

The republic used to be wealthy, functioning as a giant assembly factory for the Soviet Union. This is not a nation that feels it has "won"

it has had the link severed. Russia is now wary of tak-ing on responsibility for the wrecked Belarus economy, and with Western aid seizing up there is little chance of

help on the way. Belarus is caught in a trap: glected by Russia, its inde-pendence has brought it the orst of both worlds.

Its best-known writer, Vasi Bikov, says: "My forecast is gloomy. I see a despotism oming of a more fascist form. The communists were at least civilised in their fight against

World news in brief

Clinton puts gentle pressure on Israel

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton engaged in a round of mild armtwisting with Israel's prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu. yesterday, gently urging him to accelerate the peace process with the Palestinians but avoiding any show of tension with a

crucial political ally.

White House aides said Mr Clinton would request "progress on the ground" from Mr Netanyahu, who has irritated Wash-

ington with his laggardly approach to peace This is the Likud prime minister's second visit to Washington since his election victory in May. He came under pressure to ease further the closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip allowing more Palestinians to enter Israel for work — and to honour his predecessor's commitment to withdraw from Hebron, the West Bank city which includes an enclave of 450

At talks in London last weekend, the US secretary of state, Warren Christopher, urged the Israeli foreign minister, David Levy, to take "concrete steps" to improve relations with the

But even as Mr Clinton reiterated that request yesterday, he exerted only the centlest pressure on Mr Netznyahu. Clinton aides explained that the Israeli prime minister had allayed Washington's chief concern by finally meeting the Palestine Liberation Organisation leader, Yasser Arafat, last week. Meanwhile, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators yesterday umed detailed talks on implementing their three-year-old

seace accord, after more than three months of delays. The latest agreement on procedures and an immediate dispute on the most pressing issue of all: Israel's promised redeployment of occupation troops in Hebron. — Jonathan Freedland, Washing ton, and Derek Brown, Jerusalem.

Sonja's Eagles try to force Swiss doves off the air

Julian Borger in Pale

radio station broad-casting in Bosnia has been experiencing some in-terference lately. Its output of pre-election public information programmes is being pushed off the air by a bizarre mix of the Eagles

and Orthodox choirs. The source of this interrence is the latest venture of the Karadzic family, Orthodox Radio St Jovan, of-the-road rock, church music, and party political broadcasts for the Serb Democratic Party (SDS), 12 hours a day across Serb-

It is owned and managed by Sonja Karadzic, the daughter of the wartime leader of the SDS and Republika Srpska, Radovan, who is keeping his head down because of an international arrest warrant. She was a medical student before the war, but

quickly rose to control press coverage throughout her father's fieldom. Radio Sonja, as Orthodox Radio St Jovan was imme-diately dubbed, arrived in a big way on August 24 — broadcasting from two studios on five FM frequencies simultaneously. Ques-tions have inevitably been raised about where the money has come from.

The Karadzic family was frequently accused, even in the Bosnian Serb parlia-ment, of profiting from sanctions by smuggling petrol into the country. Sonja's arch-rival in the

Bosnian Serb media world, Colonel Milovan Milutinovic, has also suggested on air that she has financed her radio station out of the "hard-earned proceeds from selling foreign press

Col Milutinovic was sacked as army spokesman after falling foul of Sonja last year by publicly ques-tioning her level of educa-tion (she failed to complete her medical degree). He still manages to get away with cheeky remarks, and some relatively open dis-cussion programmes, because his station, Radio Krajina, broadcasts from the safety of a well-guarded barracks in Banja Luka. Radio Krajina survives because the army is not

the SDS. As an offshoot of the old Yugoslav army, it has parallel allegiance to Belgrade and the Serbizon president, Slobodan Milosevic. In the cracks between Belgrade and the SDS stronghold of Pale, people like Colonel Milutinovic are able to function.

"Occasionally, a dissent-ing voice can be heard on some of the local Serb stations," said Mark Wheeler, an analyst in Sarajevo for the Institute of War and Peace Reporting. "But the spectrum of acceptable views is extremely narrow. It is either pro-Karadzic or pro-Milosevic." Radio Krajina may be a lone example of an indepenterritory, but that is one more than in Croat areas, which rely totally on Croatian radio and television, HRT. The HRT's half-hour nightly programme on the Bosnian elections focuses

Questions have been raised about where Karadzic got the money for

her radio station

almost entirely on the Croatian Democratic Union, Zagreb's ruling party. In Muslim-controlled

areas, there are indepen-dent radio and television stations in most big cities. Even the state-controlled media makes an occasional stab at objective reporting, but it is coming under increasing pressure from the ruling SDA.

International attempts to spread Bosnia's limited spread Bosnia's limited press freedoms across the country have had only limited success. The Free Election Radio Network (Fern)—the Swiss-sponsored station now being half-jammed by Radio Sonja—carries music and public information broadcasting, but Crosts and Serbe view.

but Croats and Serbs view it as a foreign imposition. More ambitious is £7.3 million Open Broad cast Network being co-or dinated by the interna-tional community's high representative in Bosnia, Carl Bildt. Plagued by technical delays and the en-trenched resistance of all three nationalist parties, it finally launched on Saturday, a week before elec-tions, with a live broadcast of a Tina Turner concert and some election news.

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Muslims at an election rally in Bihac, north-west of Sarajevo, wave flags in support of President Alija Izetbegovic, the Party of Democratic Action's candidate in the September 14 Bosnian presidential poll PHOTOGRAPH: BRANDER POPUR

Belgium's wealthy north shuns south as economic tables turn

In the second of a series on separatism in allst Vlasms Blok calls openly curity and the fiscal system. Furna Stanhan Rates in Rrussels and the more moderate given effectively ceases to Europe, **Stephen Bates** in Brussels

reports on the Flemings and the Walloons sticker in Brussels dis-plays the red, gold and

black national flag and an-nounces defiantly: "United Belgians We Will Remain." That it does so in three languages — French, Flemish and German — gives a cive to the tensions it seeks to defuse in a country barely 200 miles across and 100 from top to bot

has a linguistic dimension," a Flemish friend said. "And if there isn't one already, we'll Even the current paedophile scandal, which has done much to unite the country in

horror and grief, has a

regional subtext.
All the accused and all the victims until last week were Walloons — French speakers from the south and east. The discovery of the bodies of two Flemish teenagers buried under a workshop in Charle-roi owned by the chief sus-pect, Marc Dutrous, added a

While An and Eefje were still missing, the Flemish papers gave them priority over Melissa and Julie, the eight-year-olds whose abduc-tion transfixed the Walloon community and whose discovery, buried in another of

SHE commonest car Mr Dutroux's back gardens, sticker in Brussels dis-plays the red, gold and of emotion.

The Plemish north — geo-graphically smaller but now with a slightly larger popula-tion — is exercising its new economic superiority, after many years of inferiority to the Walloons. Hugo Schiltz, the mayor of

across and 100 from top to bottom. Belgium is preoccupied with separatist tendencies, at least as far as the Flemish north is concerned.

"Everything in Belgium has a linguistic dimension," a linguistic dimension," a linguistic dimension," a linguistic dimension, a linguistic dimension, a linguistic dimension." From the Francophone

side, Jean Stengers, a former professor of history at the Université Libre in Brussels, said: "There is a deepening ditch between the two com munities, different cultural and political élites. They lead separate lives, read different newspapers, watch their own television channels. We are condemned to live together but always to be in conflict." Belgium's federal structure, adopted in 1933, gives administrative autonomy to three regions: Flanders, Wallonia and Brussels. The arrangement is due to be westweed to ment is due to be reviewed in 1999. The national govern-ment, led by Jean-Luc De-haene, a Flemish Christian

Walloon ministers and

Only the rightwing nation-

parties also want greater de-volved powers. The call cen-tres on winning control of the "Before 2000, Wallonia will have to accept a degree of separatism. If not, Belgium will explode, violently perhaps."

Mr Stengers said: "Absolutely no one is talking about.

social security budget.

For the first 150 years of the Belgian state, the Walloons — with heavy industry based on the mines and steel works of Liège, Namur and Charleron — congruinally supported separation in Welloms. The feeling is that they will suffer financially and there is also a sense of humiliation at being — economically supported the farmers of Flanders. In the last 20 years, hi-tech in-dustries have expanded in Flanders, while industrial plants in the south have decayed. treated like beggars. There is increasing resentment." Thomas Tindemans, a polit-

ical adviser and lawyer in Brussels and son of the for-mer prime minister Leo Tin-demans, said: "For the mo-ment it could be that Flauders As well as an unemployment problem, Wallonia has an ageing population and a more socialist, intervention-ist tradition. The Flemish pay is contributing more but a few years ago it was the other year to support the south.

Pieter Vandermeersch, dep-uty editor of De Standaard. The crucial issue is social se-

NORTHERLANDS tion speaks French. The Bruxellois do not iden-tify much with either the nish or the Walloons. But



way round. How do you keep a nation together if everyone complains about helping the At the heart of the separat ist dilemma is the almost certainly insuperable problem of Brussels. It is surrounded by Flemish-speaking areas. Flan ders claims it as its capital. But 85 per cent of its popula-

neither side could cede con-trol of the capital. Mr Stengers believes an even greater force will keep Belgium together: the inige national debt. "Our debt is the greatest coment for national unity. Trying to divide it would mean the collapse of Belgian economic credibility."

Next: The Spanish approach

THE Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, yesterday cast doubt THE Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, yestering cast could over whether a global nuclear test ban treaty would be ratified, even if the United Nations were to adopt the pact this week.

But Australia's UN ambassador, Richard Butler, was confident its UN resolution on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty would be adopted, possibly today, and that the treaty would come into force within the next three years.

"Discussing it in the United Nations may help in indicating

Britain doubts test ban treaty

world opinion, but it will not in itself clinch the treaty." Mr Portillo said in Canberra. He is in Australia for defence talks. He said the treaty's success was threatened by disagreements about how many rucker and rucker-threshold states needed to sign it to bring it into force. The treaty would ban atmospheric

When that was last discussed in Geneva (at the conference for disarmament), we were a little way short of a consensus," Mr Portillo said. — Reuter, Sydney,

Bisho march 'was a trap'

THE government of the former South African president F. W. de Klerk was responsible for the 1992 "Bisho messacre" of 29 black protesters, a former secretary-general of the African National Congress, Cyril Ramaphosa, said yesterday.

Mr Ramaphosa told Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Truth and Reconciliation Commission that he believed a 60,000-strong crowd.

marching for the abolition of the Ciskei tribal homeland was

He said the border fence between South Africa and the nomi-nelly independent homeland had been deliberately out, allowing

ANC marchers to surge through.

The homeland army, led by Ciskei's then military ruler, Brigadier Oupa Gozo, fired without warning, but Mr Ramaphosa said Mr De Klerk's government was ultimately to blame.

"Ggozo would not have had the courage to do what he did
otherwise," he said. — Rester, Bisho.

Cyprus 'facing catastrophe'

THE Turkish Cypriot leader, Rauf Denktssh, warned yesterday that the island of Cyprus was heading for catastrophe unless immediate action was taken to reduce the growing tension be-

tween his community and the Greek Cypriots. He was speaking after a Turkish Cypriot soldier was shot dead on Sunday and another was wounded at a sentry post on the line which has separated the communities since 1974. His people have ed the Greek Cypriots, but the Cyprus government says there is no evidence its supporters were involved.

Turkey's foreign minister, Tansu Ciller, will attend the sol-

dier's funeral today.

Last month, two Greek Cygriots were killed during demonstrations against the Turkish army's occupation of the north of the island. Mr Denktash said he was again appealing for talks with

the Cypriot president, Glafcos Clerides. "If the Greek Cypriots want to keep Cyprus in the headlines and instead of cooling the atmosphere by meeting and talking they want to keep on adding fire to it, then I think the signals are that we are heading for catastrophe," he said. — Chris Drahz, Nicosia.

New scandal rocks Belgium

BELGIUM was last night convulsed by the second national scandal in three weeks as police stapped up an investigation into the assassination five years ago of the former deputy prime minister, Andre Cools.

The latest revelations come after a separate inquiry into a paedophile ring led to the discovery of the bodies of two eight-year-old girls and two teenagers. The effect has been to renew public criticism of the police and judicial system and prompt accusations of cover-ups and incompetence.

The inquiries have so far remained separate, despite frenzied speculation about alleged links between the paedophiles and spectration about alteger mass between the pascophilies and conrupt politicians.

The prime minister, Jean-Loc Dehaene, was yesterday forced to promise an investigation into the handling of the Cools case. The chief investigator, Raymond Brose, has already stepped

lown. Police have arrested four men, including Alain Van der Biest, a political protégé who is a former minister in the Wallorian regional government, on suspicion of involvement in the assassination. All had been questioned before but the inquiry had been dormant until the psedophile scars. — Stephen Bates, Brussels.

Burundi blockade eased

AFRICAN countries said yesterday they had agreed to ease sanctions against Burundi to allow in some humanitarian aid on condition that the embargo's purpose was not undermined. The regional sanctions co-ordinating committee said United Nations flights would be allowed into Burundi, and staff and agencies allowed to bring in fuel by road.

"The committee decided to address genuine humanitarian concerns in a manner that does not undermine the very essence of sanctions," said a statement issued in Nairobi yesterday. The committee consists of representatives from Ethiopia, Kenya.

committee consists of representatives from Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and the Organisation of African Unity, Zaire did not attend the meeting.

UN agencies, bringing in baby food and essential items for infants and hospital patients, would be subjected to "strict verification and control extraoruments".

ation and control arrangements". Burundi's military ruler, Pierre Buyoya, had urged the committee to lift sanctions imposed after an army coup onsted the president, Sylvestre Ntibantunganya, on July 25. But the committee said the regime had so far failed to meet any of the conditions set when sanctions were imposed. — Rauter, Natrobi.

Mao poems mark anniversary

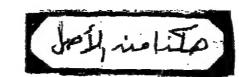
MAO Zedong peered out from the front pages of Chinese newspapers yesterday when state publishers issued three new volumes of his poems and letters to mark the 20th anniversary of his death.

Thousands of Chinese formed a 1,000ft-long queue for a glimpse of the embalmed body of the Great Helmsman, lying in a crystal coffin at a mausoleum on Tianammen Square in the heart of the

capital Beijing.

The ruling Communist Party paid its tribute to the father of new China with the publication of a collection of Mao's poems, a biography and letters he wrote to friends and relatives in his birthplace, Shaoshan in central Human province.

Newspapers splashed across their front pages the news of the publication of the third to fifth volumes of the "Collected Works of Mao Zedong" but made no mention of Mao's now-defunct policies of andless proletarian revolution.—Restor Reliting of endless proletarian revolution. - Reuter, Beijing.



The Guardian Tuesday September 10 1996

Members of an anti-Saddam group holed up in Salahuddin spoke to Jonathan Randal, before the fall of Sulaymaniyah

connections to the CIA-backed opposition to President Saddam Hussein are holed up in the mountain resort of Salahuddin after fleeing the city of Irbil when Iraqi troops seized it 10 days ago. They are convinced that they will be killed by Baghdad's secret police and during our interview several of them appealed to the United States for politi-

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The men - renegade army officers, engineers and other professionals who are memers of the US-financed Iraqi National Congress — said they were running out of money. They were short of blankets and most were sleeping outside in the increasingly chilly late summer nights. They said neither the United Nations nor the Red

Cross had visited them.
About 100 of their colleagues were arrested by Iraqi secret police during the capture of Irbil and apparently executed, accord-ing to US officials and Iraqi dissident courses dissident sources.

The US government has ponsored the Iraqi National

They felt betrayed and abandoned

— convinced that Baghdad's secret police were lurking outside their HQ

tion to President Saddam since the Gulf war in 1991. President Saddam's thrust into the formerly protected Kurdish zone broke up the CIA-funded operation and the handful of CIA officers stationed in Irbil fled.

It is not clear whether the men here were full-time emor part of a military force | Salahuddin. mustered by the Iraqi National Congress to police a potential ceasefire between warring Kurdish factions.

Over ever-mounting ash- sible for protecting them. trayed and abandoned, and convinced that Baghdad's secret police were lurking outside their headquarters, a former hotel on Salahuddin's main street.

"We cannot get to the bor der of Iraq. Turkey or Iran," one man said. "We are trapped like rats."

The Iraqi National Congress comprises a number of groups, ranging from separatist Kurds to southern Shi'ites and secular opponents of the government, who have taken refuge in the semi-autonomous Kurdish zone and were

sored opposition. It is domi-nated by the fractious Kurds, which is one reason why it has failed to generate broad support within Iraq's Sunni Muslim-dominated political

establishment and military.

A 13-man committee repre within the congress expressed scepticism about reassurances concerning their safety from senior security officials of the Kurdistan Democratic Party. The KDP has its headquarters in Salahuddin but has formed a tactical alliance with the Iraqi government.

"They say they are respon-sible for our safety," one man said. 'But we are not sure at all." Even leaving the walled compound to cross the street for food and cigarettes was a

mortal danger, another said. An Iraqi National Congres source in Washington said the US had warned the KDP that it would be held responsible for any harm to congress members. The committee members in

sisted their doubts were justified in the light of the KDP's alliance with Baghdad to cap ture Irbil from the rival Patriotic Union of Kurdistan. We cannot tolerate an

Iraqi secret police in Irbil, much less in Salahuddin," a top KDP official said. He contop KDP omicial said. He con-ceded, however, that in the immediate wake of the cap-ture of Irbil, the Iraqi secret police "had exploited an op-portunity" before his party The National Congress group was unconvinced.

"Why did the KDP not warn us?" a committee member asked. And why, others said. had the US not honoured what they considered its pledge to use air power to thwart the Iraqi offensive? Even the 60 National Con-

ress men driven - by the RDP — out of danger in an exposed area west of Irbil said they had left only 15 minutes before the Iraqi army at-tacked. Other survivors said most had escaped on foot, A senior KDP official in-

sisted the group was free to go. "We will not prevent them from leaving. We are respon-One officer described the

"ultimate nightmare" of seeing Iraqi secret police dis-guised in traditional Kurdish baggy trousers storm the homes and offices of the Iraqi National Congress in Irbil. with detailed lists of what and whom to look for. The National Congress

members here know that they could expect no quarter if captured by the secret police. "In Iraq, if you are arrested, you are dead," one man said. Another said that was why

we will fight to the last bulrather than fall into Saddam's associated with the US-spon- hands." - Washington Post.





Feuding Kurds get cold comfort from West as aid operation dies

NE of the most serious casualties of Saddam Hussein's drive into northern Iraq is "Operation Provide Comfort", which has virtually collapsed under the weight of Kurdish infighting. Although American aid

workers were ordered to flee last week, "there is no doubt that there will be a continuing humanitarian mission probably a larger one - because of refugees from the latest fighting," a Washington diplomat involved in the reas-sessment told the Guardian yesterday. "But the framework for the operation is now clearly obsolete

As well as the humanitarian mission, British and United States officials are

crait a structure to prevent the Iraqi president from consolidating his authority over Kurdistan.

They admit frankly that they do not know whether the tactical alliance between Bagbdad and Massoud Bar-zani's Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) will endure. For the moment, Washington and London's policy is to reconcile the rival forces of the KDP and Jalai Talabani's Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), whose divisions are more a matter of clans and personalities than ideology.

The situation is made more of Iran, and by the determina-tion of Turkey, a Nato ally, to take advantage of the Iraqi crisis to attack its own Kurd-ish guerrillas, the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK).

Ankara has been trying for

inths to close Operation Provide Comfort, and to reopen the Iraqi oil pipeline into Turkey. Until President Saddam's latest incursion, the protective air patrols had

been cut back from 90 flights

a day to four. Turkey has also increasingly taken over the ground patrols from the origi-nal US. French and British forces, despite Kurdish com-plaints that these patrols have become a cover for Turkish anti-guerrilla operations.

Iran yesterday appealed for aid to assist Iraqi Kurd refu-gees from the fighting, saying they would have to be housed in border camps, state-run Tehran radio said. It quoted Ahmad Hosseini,

Tehran's top official in charge of refugees, as saying Iran would allow countries and international organisations to

provide relief camps

Mr Hosseini said 500,000 Kurds were made homeless or were on the run because of the inter-Kurdish fighting around the northern Iraqi city of Sulaymaniyah, and needed food, clothing and heating equipment.
"If world bodies send the

needed aid in time we will be able to avoid a human tragedy," the radio quoted him as saying, adding that Tehran was already providing emer-gency and medical help. Iran maintains that Tur-

key's proposed security zone tensions The foreign ministry spokesman Mahmoud Mo-

hammadi said Tehran be

lieved such a zone violated

Iraqi territorial integrity,

Island dispute | Cali greets end of drug boom with impoverished glee unites Chinese

Andrew Higgins In Hong Kong

DISPUTE over a cluster of barren, uninhabited islands has galvanised the Chinese Communist Party and anti-communists in Hong Kong and Taiwan into an unprecedented display of unity. Rival Chinese and Japanese claims to the islands known as Senkaku in Japan

and Diaoyu in China — have taken relations between Beijing and Toyko to a new low. China dates its claim to the islands, situated between Okinawa and Taiwan, to the 15th century. The islands were ceded to Japan along with Taiwan in 1895 and remained under Japanese rule until the end of the second world war. Then, together with Okinawa, they were placed under US control. The US returned Okinawa and the disputed is-

lands to Japan in 1972. The dispute flared last month after Japanese nationalists planted a 16-ft aluminium lighthouse on the

The flimsy tower has since sparked protests from Chinese of all political stripes on the mainland, in Taiwan and

in Hong Kong.
The islands control valuable fishing waters and potential gas reserves, but nationalism is at the heart of the

In Hong Kong, the most passionate defenders of Chinese claims to the islands are leaders of the colony's democratic | the Japanese navy.

movement, which usually focuses on mobilising protest

marched through Hong Kong over the weekend, burning a Japanese flag to chants of "Down with Japanese milita-rism". In Taiwan, the opposition New Party plans to form an international Chinese alliance to counter Japan's

wan's ruling Kuomintang, or Nationalist Party, and the Chinese Communist Party in a dilemma. Both claim to represent Chinese nationalism but are loath to jeopardise economic ties with Japan. The risks are high for Betjing where nationalism has replaced communism as the

dominant creed but where anti-government protests, like the student movements of 1987 and 1989, often begin as patriotism.
The Diaoyu spat has already stirred anti-Japanese ferment at universities. China's Communist Party

China's Communist Party leader and president, Jiang Zemin, last week condemned Japan's "attempts to revive old militarist dream;" but has responded warily to appeals for action. A Hong Kong newspaper reported that the party's Leading Group on Foreign Af-fairs, the main decision-making agency on foreign policy, had decided to discourage Chinese fishing boats from

approaching the islands to

avoid triggering a clash with

against Beijing.
Thousands of Chinese

ALI is for sale. The lux-ury flats liming Paso Ancho boulevard, the vacant retail outlets at the Cosmocentro shopping ceneven the building that once housed a thriving fastfood restaurant at the en-trance to the fashionable Garden City neighbourhood, are begging for buyers or renters.

Debris gathers in the car
park of the vast Children's World toy store, which once sold the latest imported goods The situation has put Tai-

disappeared from trendy 6th Avenue. Mazdas and Volks-

Richard Meares

century ago.

but has now been empty for

HE last time the British

army was at Rorke's Drift they were easy to spot in bright red jackets,

shiny buttons and white pith

helmets. Now they wear kha-ki green but still look odd in a

place little changed since they fought the Zulus more than a

Blisters and sunburn are

the only red to be seen on the first British unit to return

since the Battle of Rorke's

"It's a culture shock for the

Zulus to have us here and for

Drift on January 22 1879.

Juanita Darling in Cali

biggest, fastest motorcycles. Even before the last alleged capo of the Cali drug cartel, Helmer "Pacho" Herrera, turned himself in to police last week, the city had been feeling the effects of the

cartel's collapse.
During the early 1990s, Cali was the headquarters of the organisation that dominated the world's cocaine trade. "Our society was infiltrated by drug traffickers," said Fabio Rodríguez, the president of the Cali Chamber of Commerce. "There was a boom in construction because it was an easy way to launder money."

an enormous privilege," said Captain Rob Dickinson. He is helping 40 officer cadets build

a village hall for the descen-dants of the Zulu fighters.

The hall will stand yards from the rebuilt Swedish Lu-

theran mission, where 139 sol-diers fought off 4,000 Zulus led by King Ceishwayo. His army

had just come from slaughter-ing 1,000 British troops ear-

lier that day at nearby

Britain awarded a still un-

matched 11 Victoria Crosses to

soldiers at Rorke's Drift, a

hattle which hastened the end

of an independent Zulu nation. | was promised that the "Our battalion relives that | would be no hard feelings.

Isandhlwana.

empty cases and the shell of our condominiums, dined in the Harley Davidson dealer the best restaurants and imported showcased the ported sports cars and Toyota Eduardo Fernández de Soto. Land Cruisers. The money flowed through Cali.

Then, last year, the govern-ment cracked down, offering rewards for those suspected of being the seven top Cali cartel leaders. With Herrera's surrender, all are now either in jail or dead. Without them, this city of

1.8 million is suffering with-drawal pains exacerbated by Res a national economic down-turn. The number of companies in concordato, a sort of

Wales. "We sit down every year to watch Zulu," he said,

referring to the 1963 film star-ring Michael Caine that im-

The film captured the

terror of the tiny garrison as

lines of Zulus came into sight. The garrison held on, losing

Colonel Andy Harris, a

Royal Engineer, said that the choice of Rorke's Drift for the

cadets' project abroad was

South Africa's idea. The unit

mortalised the battle.

11 men to the Zulus 351.

of the Cali Business Commit-tee. "These people could go bad and start stealing."

Nevertheless, Cali residents have greeted the end of the is important is that we are back to being who we are," Mr Rodriguez said. "We are not rich. This boom had to

Residents are eager to shed Cali's image as the world's drug capital and become known for the 80 multinahankruptcy, is five times the tional companies with manu level of previous years.

"Cali's unemployment rate has more than doubled in the need to export and to

Drug traffickers also past 18 months, reaching the modernise the nearby Buena-bought and furnished luxurihighest level in eight years.

Army embraced at Rorke's Drift

us to be here, but we see it as an enormous privilege," said Dickinson, wearing a T-shirt Captain Rob Dickinson. He is from the 8 Rorke's Drift Comas reliving empire links and glorifying the past, but there was no problem at all," he said. "This is certainly not an act of atonement, it is a hupany of the Royal Regiment of

manitarian project."
But the symbolism of returning to put something into a needy community finally free of the white rule the British army cemented, has not gone unnoticed.

"In Zulu custom after two boys fight they become friends. If one is hurt the other cleans the wounds he has caused," Prince Gideon Zulu was promised that there fought the British, but today "We were in an unreal situation," said Luis Cañon, Humberto de la Calle, says he editor of El País, the city's will resign within days beleading newspaper. "Now, prices have gone down and people can live." Mr Canon also noted that

the city has become more

their music as loud as they drug traffickers out of donations from the Cali cartel, fear."—Los Angeles Times.

cause President Ernesto Samper, weakened by a drug corruption scandal, no longer has the credibility to govern. Last week, Mr de la Calle publicly urged Mr Samper to step down on the grounds that peaceful.

"The psychology of violence has decreased." he said.
"Drug traffickers used to play
"Drug traffickers used to play
"Colombia" and the scandal had made it impossible for him to handle Colombia's problems. Mr wanted and go tearing Samper, who has resisted pres-through the streets in those sure to resign despite evidence Toyotas. Society tolerated the he won the 1994 election with



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Growing out of opposition

Unions can help to lead Britain out of the wilderness

Lang's hint yesterday that the Government is thinking of extending the presperiod to a month before strike action can be taken is a fatuous contribution to a very serious debate about the next steps we need to take to reform industrial relations. A week is enough time to "cool down": a month is more like an extended vacation which could be counter-productive by provoking wild cat strikes among frustrated workers.

Doesn't Mr Lang realise that, partly thanks to his own party's labour reforms (plus a heavy dose of unem-ployment), the problem of strikes has all but disappeared? Sure there are one or two high-profile disputes at the moment - like the railways and the Post Office - but neither is primarily about inflation-busting pay settlements and both are well advertised in advance deliver them. enabling industry and commuters to make alternative plans. Sure, there has been a rise in strikes recently but so what? In June 228,000 working days were lost, but this was exceptional. During 1995 415,000 days were lost and in 1994 278,000, which was 25 times lower than the annual average between 1974 and 1993 of 7.5 million.

Strikes may be waning but industrial relations still need to be improved radically if unions are (as John Monks aptly said yesterday) to "grow out of opposi-tion" and prove they can help the country's future. If a way can be found to enable the economy to grow a little ering their own nests but the sad fact is bit faster without running into the danger of unleashing inflationary wage | the unions want a future Labour govtween the undoubted right of unions to | must accept that they have a vital strike and the responsibilities they proactive - role to play.

IF THERE is to be an extended "cooling | have both to their own companies and off" period in industrial relations it ought to apply first to ministerial threats made during the run-up to a general election. Industry Secretary Ian Lang's hint yesterday that the Governservices to bargain their right to strike ent compulsory seven-day cooling-off for an independent system of arbitration which determines their pay rises against criteria like productivity and what is happening to comparable groups of workers. Other ideas include pendulum arbitration (under which an independent arbiter can accept either the union's or the employers' final proposals but no compromises) or a tax on inflationary wage settlements which could be recycled to boost employment. In the private sector it might be possible to direct the massive power of collective bargaining towards profit sharing as well as wage claims. If ways could be found of locking unions into the wealth creation process then they might one day shed the negative image from which John Monks is trying to

There is another way unions could improve their image. They have been absolutely right to campaign for a minimum wage, but there has been a conspicuous absence of unions saying that they won't try to preserve their differentials once the low paid have been given a much needed boost. But if unions preserve the same percentage differential, the scene will be set for a fresh wage-price spiral of the kind that would knock the economy off course. Unions could be forgiven for arguing that top managers (not to mention MPs) have shown an appalling lead by feaththat two wrongs don't make a right. If claims then everyone would gain. A ernment under Mr Blair to lead Britain better balance needs to be struck be out of the economic wilderness they



Is there any serious point in Senator Mitchell staying on?

A POLL published in Dublin yesterday | the talks (both parties are, in the jarfound that 63 per cent of the Northern gon, close to the loyalist paramilitar-Ireland population believe that the ies). Yesterday he delivered his ultimaprovince's talks process will end in I turn and then left for Canada. Not much failure. Pretty realistic stuff, one might | sign of give and take there. think. In some respects the more surprising finding was that as many as 32 per cent thought they would succeed. But today, 24 hours after the poll's publication, even that now seems like reckless optimism.

While the talks were in abevance for the summer it was possible for their absence to breed illusion. It was conceivable that July's sectarian pettiness might be be put to one side when the participants reconvened this week. Hints over the weekend that the two main parties, the Ulster Unionists and the SDLP, had reached important procedural agreements also encouraged a marginally less pessimistic perspective. It was possible, just about, to persuade oneself that there might now be a consensus for a fresh start. But such illusions evaporated when the parties came back yesterday.

What happened at Stormont gives cause only for gloomy realism. Yesterday's early break-up of the session the talks got bogged down within minutes - offered a clear signal that the Democratic Unionists are set on a longcounter. After recent lovalist death

But then give and take has never been Mr Paisley's game. He is an exclusive not an inclusive politician. He wants to marginalise the paramilitaries, partly because they threaten his votes, but mainly because his real target is Sinn Féin. If he can get the PUP and UDP out, Mr Paisley believes, it will be much harder for the British and Irish governments to finesse Gerry Adams into the process on the back of some sort of ceasefire.

It is a mark of the bankruptcy of the current process that Mr Paisley should even bother to make such a suggestion. For there is not a shred of evidence that the two governments (especially the British) have either the intention or the ability to achieve such an objective. Even if they did, the mood in Ulster is clearly hostile as well as pessimistic. David Trimble of the UUP made clear last week that he would not accept a referendum vote on Ulster's future if he did not agree with it. Mr Paisley can be counted on to adopt an equally defiant approach. The opportunities opened by the peace process have all but closed, an term disruptive approach which the outcome for which all the protagonists other parties do not know how to must share responsibility. It is good of Senator Mitchell to commit himself to threats, the DUP's Ian Paisley wants to stay on as chairman of the talks, but exclude the Progressive Unionist Party | there is little sign that there is now a and the Ulster Democratic Party from | serious job for him to do.

The ethics of cloud-capped towers

Extra tall skyscrapers are not about economics, but egos

SCEPTICS will say it confirms only one | Ideally there should be no skyscrapproposed 1,200 ft Millennium Tower on the site of London's Baltic Exchange would be Europe's tallest building and Empire State. Certainly the dimensions of the new project signal the same sense of desperation which surrounded Malaysia's successful bid to build the world's tallest building in Kuala Lumpur. Millennium Tower will still fall 276 feet short of Kuala Lumpur's Petronas Towers but will be twice as high as the City's current highest building, NatWest Tower, and half as tall again as Docklands' Canary Wharf. It will ensure that Britain jumps ahead again of Germany, currently completing a 984 ft tower in Frankfurt, which may be juvenile but then no-one can accuse Germany of Third World status.

fact: Britain's membership of the Third | ers in central London, not because they World. Plans were unveiled yesterday are nasty but because Europe's historic for Britain's biggest skyscraper. The cities should not need to imitate America. Paris demonstrates the success of rigorous planning rules which push all highrise buildings to the periphery. even 15 feet higher than New York's Life is much more civilised there, living among architecture of a human scale. But central London already has skyscrapers so it would be perverse to rule out a further one. Sir Norman Foster is one of our most creative architects so people cannot quibble about the quality of the proposed building. The existing surplus of three million square feet of London office space raises a more pertinent question. But then, as a member of the Council of Tall Buildings, the body which adjudicates on various international construction claims, has noted: "extra tall skyscrapers are not a matter of economics or population density, it's basically ego."



Unions: the way forward Catholic tastes: the Pope,

Labour Party to restrict the rights of workers and their unions (Union anger at Labour no-strike proposal,

COLLEAGUES!

September 9).

However, it fails to show how far trade union membership has changed. In the private sector, union organisation has, by and large collapsed. The economic group most likely to be union members are white collar professionals with a high degree of education — a middle-class elite in employment. protected

There has been an enormous growth in casual, short-term employment which has been predominantly low paid. What do unions affiliated to the TUC have to offer? Many elements in the TUC oppose any form of low paid

protection.
TUC unions have priced themselves out of the market with their high subscriptions and seem to offer nothing but discounts on insurance and return to the practices of the early 20th century — organise

Bare necessity

AS the Church of England or, more particularly, the Dean and Chapter of Durham

finally taken leave of its

senses (Durham's revelation, September 7)? £196,000 for a

piece of "artistic" ephemera which will have been forgot-

ten the day after it has been

The charity with which

am involved was congratulat-ing itself when it received a

grant from the Church Urban

Fund of about £40,000 towards

accommodation for the home-

less. And yet the same

times that on a transitory

The Dean might just as well

have piled £50 notes outside the cathedral and set light to

them — at least that would have provided some warmth

WHAT'S all this fuss about an image of a naked man

floating about in Durham Cathedral? The first book of

Genesis states quite clearly that "God created man in his

own image", and since the definition of "image" is "a double" or "a copy", it follows quite logically that God has

genitals too. So if visitors to the cathedral find such body.

parts offensive, they know

who to complain to when next

MAY not know much about

architecture but I take issue

with two of the spokesmen

about the proposed sky-

man Foster (London's £550m

erotic gherkin, September 9). Yes, Owen Luder, people will visit tall buildings, but then

people are just as likely to buy tickets to a plane crash.

As to tall buildings being "at-tractive on the skyline":

that's "attractive" compared

And my misgivings about the wisdom of building of

ever taller skyscrapers are

not allayed by Stuart Mur-

phy's reported comment that

it's a "slim tower, so the

shadow will be short". Never

mind the quality, feel the

to what, exactly?

John Morrison.

5 Brunswick Street,

Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire HX7 6AJ.

offering up their prayers. Edward Johnson.

12 Horbury Crescent, London W11 3NF.

Tali story

for a few homeless people. Iain Mackechnie-Jarvis.

Director, Emmaus UK. 27 Perowne Street.

dismantled.

T'S TUC week and the at the workplace, taking on embourg. These not only Guardian splashes on proposals from the New gression needed and flouting ments but also as adjuncts to the law whenever necessary. Kevin Brandstatter. Industrial Workers

9 Omdurman Street, Swindon SN2 1HA.

GEOFF Mulgan recom-mends a body (employee mutual) which performs the function of a trade union (Unions' future in mutual satisfaction, September 3) but calls itself something else under the guise of regaining

"public trust".

However, he regrets the lack of "a good legal form" in the set-up he advocates. To meet his criterion to be in a "position to shape an economy" there are, however, other solutions. For example, cur-rent opinion on works councils seem not to be entirely out of favour in the debates extant on the European Social

Chapter and these might con-stitute a good legal form. Another alternative might be the "chambers of labour", parallel bodies to chambers of industry and commerce in Croft, Austria, Germany and Lux- Leicester, LE9 3GB.

trade union organisations through the provision of legal representation and employee

rights. Jim Sweeney. 21 Weoley Park Road. Birmingham B29 6QY.

AMUTUAL society, what-ever that means, would not be an effective bargaining organisation nor would it be an effective defence organisa-tion, guarding pay levels, working conditions and train-

This does not mean that co-operation between those sell-ing their labour and those buying it is not desirable. In this country, co-operation be-tween the two sides is woefully inadequate to produce the efficiency and stability needed for our economy.

What is needed is a change of culture whereby employees are consulted at all levels of production. Ralph Innes

RESS CHECKOUT SAFEWAY LITRE OF PETROLORLES

Ace service on the forecourt

food-and-fuel shops (Safeway and BP in link-up, September 7)? I hope BP's "forecourt skills" will take into account my extreme reluctance to tramp a mile to pay for the

It also irritates me to have to wait for somebody taking an age to pay — or to shop and pay — with his car pre-venting my use of the pumps. How about a drive-through pay arrangement, the exit Derbyshire DE45 1TX.

SO Safeway and BP are to leading to the shop? I buy combine in a network of petrol in £15 or £20 lots, pay cash and, depending on cir cumstances, move the car be fore making the trudge to the

> I'm a saint, I know. BP could start a trend back to service-based forecourts. would be happy to pay a bit more to help provide jobs. H Clarke. Furnall Avenue. Great Longstone.

On Scotland's unsettled will

MICHAEL White's analysis of Scottish Labour's recent convulsions on a referendum on devolution (The Scottish conundrum, September 7) revealed a superficial grasp of the subject.
The Scottish Constitutional

Convention was not founded in 1991, but in 1989, after the A Claim of Right document and SNP's Govan by-election victory in 1988; Michael Forsyth was appointed Scottish Secretary not in 1994, but 1995 his first year being dominated by the success of his 'tartan tax" offensive.

However, the most damning error is the assertion that. in the 1979 referendum, "devolution was rejected by voters"; it was actually narrowly won, but blocked by the 40 per cent rule.

The referendum debacle reveals the fundamental faultlines in the "British" Labour coalition. Both Scottish and British Labour have profoundly inaccurate views of themselves, each other, their uneasy relationship, and Scottish politics in general, which have been exposed by this crisis.

Scottish Labour's stand against a referendum was one of conservatism and caution. A referendum was unnecessary because devolution was, in John Smith's words, "the settled will of the Scottish people" and "unfinished

Labour's involvement in the Constitutional Convention, a supposed expression of popular sovereignty, never allowed for the underwriting of any devolution scheme by the most obvious form of popsovereignty:

referendum Scottish Labour's belief in its own uniqueness has been punctured by New Labour. The Constitutional Convention was never going to be implemented carte blanche by a Labour Government. Now it could be irrelevant to Blair's devolution plans. New Labour's policy

changes have re-affirmed where power really lies in the party and, in the process. blown up a few of the comfortable and cosy myths about Scottish politics: for that at least we can be grateful. Gerry Hassan. 29 Moray Place, Strathbungo. Glasgow G41 2LB.

ALTHOUGH I was born in Scotland, I am opposed to Scottish national separatism

in all its forms. A common nationalism for everybody seems best to me; and I cannot understand why one of the Unionist leaders does not propose this. E G Macfarlane. 106 Fortbill Road,

Dundee DD5 8DR

conservatism and adultery

ture (God's own scriptwriter, September 6), a state-ment is made, attributed to a bookseller, that Karol Wojty-la's (John Paul II) play, Our Lord's Brother, has never been published in English.

This is not true.

I happen to be the translator (yes, appointed by that very Commission for the Writings of Karol Wojtyla) of all his plays. The play in ques-tion has been translated (under the title Our God's Brother) and published in: The Collected Plays and Writings on Theater by Karol Woj-tyla, University of California

As far as I know, the book is still in print. In view of Mr Hattenstone's assertion, "I tried the British Library. No luck", it seems I shall have to present them with one of my own copies. Boleslaw Taborski.

London W4 1JF. SIMON Hattenstone asserts that Pope John Paul II is "widely regarded as one of the most conservative popes this century". I do not dis-pute that the "conservative" label, misguidedly in my opinion, has been applied to for swift implementation. the current pontiff. That Draft legislation already exmuch is accepted. However. the reference is towards ecclesiastical conservatism, not

Bedford Park.

political. Two quite different areas. To "reveal" Karol Wojtyla as having socialist tendencies in his political thought, will come as very little surprise to anybody who has taken the time to study him. Greg Murphy.

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READ Simon Hattenstone's account of Pope John Paul It's play and plans to turn it into a film with interest and a degree of sympathy. But I was disappointed at some of its assumptions.

Apart from the difference in age and circumstances be-tween the student who wrote the play and the middle-aged archbishop who became Pope, the Pope's sense of his ac-countability before God and history for the Church's fidelity to the Gospel mean he is unlikely to think and write now - or even in 1978 when he was first elected — as he thought and wrote in the

Hattenstone does not allow

N Simon Hattenstone's feat himself to ponder why a certain kind of conservation and the Pope's office might go in-eluctably together. And his position is hardly strength-ened by the reference to John Paul II's condemnation of

'adultery of the heart". Has he never read the teaching of Jesus: You have learnt how it was said: 'You must not commit adultary. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adul-tery with her in his heart" (Matthew 5.27-28)?

(Fr) Bruce Bradley SJ. Headmaster, Clongowes Wood College, Naas, Co Kildare.

The secret's out

WAS pleased to see Jack Straw reaffirming Labour's Information (FOI) Act (Our secret society, September 5). I hope he will soon also be able to repeat the commitment made before the last election by his predecessor, Roy Hat-tersley, that this reform would be introduced in the first year of a new

government.
FOI is particularly suitable ists and was examined by Parliament in detail when Mark Fisher's Right to Know Bill was debated for 21 hours in 1993. The government's "Open Government" code of practice, while falling well short of legislation, will have prepared Whitehall for change and put some of the

infrastructure in place. Unlike some constitutional reforms. FOI is relatively uncontentious in party terms. It would also be relatively cheap and highly popular, enjoying 81 per cent of the public's support, more than any other constitutional reform, accord-

ing to a 1995 poll. By acting immediately on freedom of information, a new administration could signal from the outset that it was seeking to bind itself to high standards in office and break the habits of secrecy that cism in the nest Maurice Frankel.

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eddress, even on e-mailed letters, and a daytime telepho number. We may edit letters: thorter ones are more likely to

A Country Diary

SOMERSET: We often pass | church. It is some way off through the area where the River Parrett rises in the southernmost part of the county on the border with Dorset. It is an unassuming place with gentle slopes, cows and cider orchards. The signposts are a delight. They point to Haselbury Plucknett, East Coker, Hardington Mandeville, Misterton, Mosterton and North Perrott. The Parrett wriggles unobtrusively about for a while before setting decisively out, straight North-west across more than 50 miles of Somerset. It takes flood water off the levels, and finds its way towards the Bristol Channel at Bridgwater, which was once a major port. I stopped this time at Haselbury Plucknett, having read of some remarkable happenings in this village named after a 13th century Breton "de Plugenet." Red and yellow hamstone cottages are ranged along each side of the main road and a

I could not at first find the

centre, down a curving, gravelly and stony track, past a big willow, and stands in a spacious, churchyard, lush with grass and dandelions and thick with stone tombs and gravestones that lean at all angles. The exterior is impressive and the Parochial Church Council believes in keeping the door open. The inside is a surprisingly bland open removed in 1920 to join the aisles and nave. So the effect is the reverse of what I was looking for, because my source (Somerset, the Complete Guide) tells of the celebrated hermit of Haselbury Plucknett, St Wulfric, who ar rived in 1125 and lived in a cell on the North side of the chancel. He wore chain mail and took cold baths. His reputation for healing and prophecy spread, and the Kings Henry I and Stephen visited him here. But I could find no little grass triangle with an old iron bench is set beside it. reticent part of the country



Diary

Matthew Norman

OMETHING strange has befallen one of British journalism's more splendid institutions: it is now possible, it seems, to book a slot on the letters page of the Times long in advance. On behalf of a 24charity coalition, Mencap issued a press release last week amouncing that a let-ter of protest, about underfunding in Community Care, will be delivered to Ken Clarke tomorrow. "The letter, also published in the Times today . . " says the release, referring in fact to tomorrow but sent out last Friday. Good God, how can this be? "The Times said they would publish it." Mencap press officer Frances Tuke explains, "as long as they had it exclu-sively." Well, well, who'd have thought that the old Thunderer's letters page would succumb to the tactics of the tabloids? My attempt to reserve the witty aperçu slot (bottom left) for November 25, for a waspish little effort on autumn 96's high rainfall (so much for global warming!!) have thus far failed. Even so, what a swizz... and whatever next for the Times in its lurch down-market? How long can it be, shocked observers ask themselves today, before the paper starts slashing its cover price, like a saucepan salesman in a street market?

Control Section 1

T the TUC conference in Blackpool yester-day, delegates were treated to a presentation by T the TUC conference journalist and psephologist Peter Keliner, on how membership could be revived. Using charts, films and poli-ing evidence, he explained that, although the public like the unions' aims and be-liefs, they can't be done with nasty old strikes, and called on the TUC to find ways to attract 5,000,000 potential unionists, many of them Kellner forgot to add is that his own NUJ membership lapsed in 1991, but Arthur Scargill found this out anyway, and took the rostrum to invite Mr Kellmer to say which union he joined in its place (an invitation he has yet to accept).

LSO banging the drum for the workers yesterday, meanwhile, was that model employer, the Independent. In a main leader headlined "Wake up, unions, there's a mighty job to do", it bemoaned emasculating em-ployment legislation and resultant job insecurity, declaring: "Today, just as 100 should be joining trade unions to find security. Perhaps the paper's deputy editor Colin Hughes, over-seer of countless sackings under Gentleman Charile Wilson, helped write it. As for David Montgomery, he has yet to accept our offer to publish a statement calling upon all Mirror Group staff to join the NUJ. Monty couldn't make it to the phone yesterday, so we expect his message of solidarity some time today.

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On-style hilarity looms in Bourne-HE prospect of Carry mouth. The Lloyds Hotel has placed an advert in gay journal The Pink Paper, stressing its proximity to the Triangle, a well known gay club in the town. However, when a punter rang to enquire after rooms for next month, he was told that the hotel was being taken over wholesale for Conference week by the Tory

RARE shard of controversy pierces the serenity of New Zealand's parliament, where legislation concerning Maori land rights has recently been passed. The opposition Conservative party opposed the bill. which gives Maoris the right to charge rent on leased land, but in a shock manoeuvre, Labour man-aged to push it through: when Conservative leader Trevor Rogers nipped out for two minutes for a pee, Labour invoked a fast track procedure, and with the chamber bereft of the sole opponent needed to stop it, through it went.

N invitation has: N invitation has arworkshop in Hert-fordshire. "I will/will not attend," says the delete-asapplicable line, "the Roundtable Discussion on 'Acnethe Real Cost' over lunch.' Will not, I think.

ONE DAY, SON, ALL THIS WILL BE SIR NORMAN FOSTER'S.



I herapy needed for this tax neurosis

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Commentary

Hugo Young

***************** AX is the great bogns issue of post-socialist politics. In both Britain and America, each in the middle of an election, it is where the argument is most self-righteous, and purports to be most specific. Here's where Bob Dole and Bill Clinton, almost exactly echoed by John Major and Tony Blair, imagine the floating voter is most vulnerable to seduction or alarm. What none of them can confront is its real emptiness as a matter of dispute. The people no longer see it in the way they, the taxers and spenders, are

locked into imagining.

The issue isn't whether the right will tax higher than the left. Left and right in both countries now make axiomatic pledges at least that they will tax no higher than their enemies. The exception is Dole, who takes it further by committing to a 15 per cent

salvation. The issue is not they won't be persuaded by promise but belief. Disbelief cooked-up presentations. What matters is what they British too. For their autumn manoeuvres the leaders are devoting vast resources to proving something there is no reason to suppose enough people are ever likely to

accept.
Consider, first, the argument about the past. Kenneth
Clarke and Gordon Brown engage in abstruse disputation
about whether Tory taxes
since 1992 have cost the average voter £2,000, or whether, on the other hand, the average family is £700 better off, even after tax, since the last parant question but, as put, presents an irresolvable contest. Its acholastic intensity misses the over-arching point that, in this field, people care only about what they experience. Clarke and Brown can both desired promises of 1992. only about what they experience. Clarke and Brown can both defend their claims. Yet they not only come up against general disbelief but individual scepticism. If people high taxation. While no one ence. Clarke and Brown can both defend their claims. Yet they not only come up against general disbelief but individwatch their tax position more closely than anything else, as the politicians think, what is the politicians think, what is the point of trying to bamboo-zle them with selective definitions of the past? When experience is what counts, manipulated figures are a mache of time.

What is the Labour habit has been interested by a Conservative Government that has enjoyed untrammelled power for more than 17 years.

The tax neurosis has many costs Quite apart from cloud-

feel and know. General inse-curity contributes far more to their condition than the outer refinements of income tax. For Tory politicians still be-mused by the failure of their \$700-per-family to bring its just rewards in the feel-good factor, I offer this as one ex-

planation, in the bope that they will stop whingeing and stop filling our pages with claims nobody needs to hear. Consider, second, the future. Here again the efforts of all politicians are being drowned by universal bore-dom. The deposits of public can dispute this, no one, equally, can fail to notice with what flattering attention

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into other agendas, causing appalling deformities. Such is Major's tax obsession, for example, that his cabinet is casting voracious eyes on the billion quid it thinks it might make from a quick sale of Chamal Paus are achieum. billion quid it thinks it might make from a quick sale of Channel Four: an achievement whose political value in itself would be minus zero.

As for Blair, tax is the cause of his first major calamity, the extraordinary display of political incompetence in of political incompetence in Scotland. Post-socialist Labour is no longer a party able to preach its pride in public spending. Fear of tax has taken over as the driving concern. It prompted the sudden U-turn in June, promising not gally a Scottick pafer. ing not only a Scottish refer-endum but a specific question about the new parliament's tax-raising power. This was panic of the most abject kind, which had its see-sawing come-uppance last week. It wouldn't have happened but for a tax pre-occupation that bears no credible relationship

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with public attitudes. Dredging out the garbage, one is left with a residue. One part of the tax debate that cerpreference of the Tories for abolishing death duties and capital gains tax, as against the apparent Labour priority of easing the position of the low-paid. Given a full term,

before crossing even a modest credibility threshold.

In place of neurosis, I advo-cate consensus. The Tories, after 17 years in government, have shown that they don't believe there's a serious believe there's a serious future in the so-called minimal state, cutting the public budget to only 30 per cent of national income. In opposition they may flirt with that, but we'll hear nothing about it at the election Likewise, Labour, after 17 years in opposition, want to make it as clear as they know how that they no longer believe in taxand-spend. They are not the old Labour Party any more than the Tories are a new than the Tories are a new Conservative Party. Both, in conservative Party. Both, in reality, can promise little more than wise stewardship of a public purse which, under each of them, will be equally massive, and equally subject to ad hoc tinkering as circumstance requires.

The in other stords is not

an issue but an emblem. If it speaks at all, it is only as some kind of proxy for sound economic management. It is common ground that neither party wants to tax more than it has to, and that neither wants to increase the public segment of the economy. Instead of listening to incomprehensible half-truths about the history of tax and its economic effects, or unverifiable prospostications, about what prognostications about what the other side might do in the future, or insulting claims that each will conjure up an entirely different life-chance of every tax-payer, we need help in making a judgment about good government in the round. Tax is but a fragment

Tax, in other words, is not

The impotence behind the throne



Beatrix Campbell

MOOD doth not a movement make. The rise and fall of republicanism is one of the great idiosyncracies of British politics. The rise and rise of discontent with the royals is not attributable to republican feeling. Another mysters How ing. Another mystery. How are we to explain the contra-diction between the royals' remarkable loss of legitimacy and the lack of a mass move-

ment for reform?
The detonator has been the sexual politics of the royal family. What parliamentari-ans and the press dubbed scap opera is actually the stuff of life. The reform of relations between men and women is one of the great themes of our time: it is the source of seis-mic shifts in civil society. Not mic shifts in civil society surprisingly civil society understands how deadly that bridge to an older ground of constitutional reform. But, bit hereditary princiatavistic arranged marriage must have been. It was her suffering, rather than her ter-rible taste in men, that bonded her story. It was post-Pan-orama civil society that also aw that she was in danger

from her — and our — enemy, the Establishment The royal family's sexism had been shrouded by the triumph of its great queens, and Andrew Morton's biography of Princess Diana revealed disheartened democrats, "You their coldness and cruelty and can't deal with the monarchy their complicity in a quintessentially patriarchal project the Prince's prospects were contingent on his arranged marriage to an ingenue whom they denied vital data about her destiny — le him. A Mori poll published in the

more than half the voters feel president?". that Prince Charles fails to command our respect, and it's not a political crisis.

with the drift towards an auto-cratic presidential mode, "the The constitutinal lacuna, cratic presidential mode, "the majority of political parties won't allow a debate. This tional parties: Her Majesty's puts on extraordinary demand | Government and Her Majes-

while biographer Anthony Holden, a Daily Express columnist, tells us that he's been getting a massive mailbag with "lifelong monarchists congratulating me and telling me they hope they're dead before Charles becomes him begins might For him, however, the crisis has been caused not only by the Prince — he's done the decent thing to neither Diana nor Camilla — but the corpo-rate complicity of the family firm. It was his professional scrutiny of the family firm, as the Prince's official biographer, that turned Holden into, if not a republican then a leading critic of the monarchy. He likens their behaviour to the Borgias, and blames their demise on finances plus "moral turpitude". It is the

the right, the Prince's erst-

tive offered by the major par-ties that "keeps the royals secure".
"Republic" is a fast-growing association campaigning against all forms of hereditary office, and its secretary Jon Temple acknowledges that Princess Diana's story "tells us how the royal family operates. And in that sense we're

absence of a political initia-

ple "is steeped in English rible taste in men, that bonded Princess Diana to millions of women and men when she did that 20th-century thing, tell her story. It was post-Pan-rank and file in 1994, have proposed a referendum on removal of the royal

Labour politicians of radical and independent dispositions often become misty not because they are closet monar-chists but because they are unless it is enmeshed in con-stitutional reform," says Dale Campbell-Savours, one of the few forensic parliamentari-ans. He balks, however, when he contemplates an elected alternative to check the executive. "Can I trust a political Mail on Sunday revealed that arrangement, an elected

HILIP HALL is the author of Family Fortune, which audited the that they prize public respect above all other princely virtues. That constitutes a crisis. No one doubts that it is the archy and showed that it costs Prince's behaviour that has us a fortune. He is sceptical produced this royal crisis. But about a republican fature: "We should not be surprised "Because it's about a that there isn't a mass move-relationship politicians pull ment against the monarchy. away," comments Andrew When it was really in danger, Puddephat director of the after the first world war constitutional reform cam. Labour rushed to help and paign Charter 88. "The task | backed away from any kind of for organisations now is to republicanism. The monarchy work with the zeitgeist," but exists because of the Labour

purs on extraorninary demand on civil society." Charter 88 is backing a referendum and putting its mind to the problem of creating a popular project for reform. Writing from Section 20 position. Tony Blair was right when he told David Frost last weekend that the political parties are 20 years behind the public.



Crisis in the greenery

Why can't Britain's Greens succeed like they do elswhere? John Vidal argues that it's a combination of being crushed between the media and the big parties - and their internecine squabbling

any small political party which thinks it has a halfway de cent pudding to serve before the electorate at the next election. Without an immensely rich, high-profile sugar daddy like Sir James Goldsmith to invent, support, or at least subvent their cause, their chances of even being allowed access to the electorate are minimal.

Be real, say small-party realos. A macho, increasingly narrow, personality-dominated media is only going to reflect the increasingly narrow. row, increasingly personality-dominated main political parties. What the dominant centre ground of politics per-ceives as marginal issues will therefore have at best only a marginal chance of being aired, so setting up a vicious circle: you are marginal because you have no access to the media, and so you shall remain marginal because no one shall get to hear what you (okay, there are not many, even if the few left believe that 7-10 per cent would vote for them were there PR) now for them were there rk) have go for the millions (their feel it is pointless taking part go for the millions (their feel it is in a two-and-a-bit horse race. In the current political cli-

ITY the Greens, or | expect at best three per cent of any small political | the votes in fewer than 100 seats. Better, perhaps, to stare into the political abyss and stay outside a rotten sytem. Better to bow out with principles intact and to appeal to people's conscience than take part in a shabby vote-grub-bing contest with unscrupu-lous big boys who are rushing ever further into collective insanity or, worse, sameness.

want real power and know that a political party's job is to stand in elections. Their logic is arcane and limited to this particular election: in finally achieving power, they reason. New Labour will at a stroke lose one of its most vote-wor-thy assets — the urgent desire of so many people to have political change. It is these people some Greens want to target. They will not seek their votes this time, because bringing down the Tories, they recognise, will appeal far more to disaffected Labourare trying to say. Catch 22 ites and natural greenies than Many in the Green Party helping the Green Party achieve a result interpreted yet again as "miserable..." No, they say, take the long view. Use the next election to

phrase "Blaircherism" is circulating) and feel that now idealism in the streets.

Jonathon Porritt initiative launched in April loosely more than ever there is room for a radical, modern political party untainted by old, failed ideas and that is in touch with the street. The best they can do in 1997, they argue, is to use the system which will allow them one measly TV broadcast to advertise for new members. The logic is that fighting a losing battle simply

recyles despondency.

But the proposal to with-draw from the election which will be put before the party's meeting in nine days' time, is a rogue. Like it or not there will be Greens standing in many seats next year because all local Green Parties are autonomous and do not need head office to tell them what They don't mean it. Of course Greens are human and tory democracy, and indeed, tory democracy, and indeed, some local groups (Oxford, Brighton) are buzzing.

> HEY rubbish dreary, predictable talk about despondency and the end of green politics in Britain. They say that this is to miss the point which is that below the antennae of the po-litical commentators (though not, perhaps of Hugo Young, unobserved by television, greenery is becoming a real political talking shop, with the most passionate debate in town about democracy, rights, equality and justice.
> Undoubtedly a new, sharp.

generation of a-party-political activists is emerging out of the road protests, the urban street parties and the less supine environment groups. In the current pointing the latter of the longer one-issue. They believe | Coalition is taking shape. The | malaise must be deep indeed. | Send to: WALLGUARD, FREEPOST MR 8787, MANCO

And anyone listening to the passionate debate about ethics or democracy at this year's (very big) Big Green Gather-ing or goes to the meetings of direct action group Earth First' will recognise a new

achieve grassroots political change. In terms of the cynical established party machin-ery it seems naive at times, but no one should deny that it's fresh and informed by real experience rather than party dogma or passed down by el-ders or betters as the authoritarian Word. Older greens look on at the

new anarchic elements, recog-nise themselves 20 years ago. and take either hope or their leave. Historically they recog-nise that Green parties are ascendant everywhere where there is PR. In Germany the realos in Die Grünen are tasting real power. There are national green politicians in dozens of countries now. They point to Ralph Nader, stand ing as a first-time green in the US, to 10 per cent Euro-votes in Luxembourg, Ireland, a few less in Austria, Finland. Even

Taiwan has a green MP.

And they say that for a party with fewer than 4,000 members (but rising), the Greens have actually done rather well. They have a semi-MP in Cynog Dafis (Plaid Cymru MP for Ceredigion and Pembroke North); they have campaigned successfully on the homeless, led the opposition to the Criminal Justice

binds more than 30 of Britain's most radical social change and other campaigning organisations under the banner of social and political renewal. Working across new economics, environment, agriculture, poverty, develop-ment and transport, they hug traditional Green ideas and traditional Green ideas and collectively argue the obvi-ous: that we have an antediluvian, atrophied political system that is failing utterly to address the changes needed to bring Britain into line with

By any measure, its signifi-cance is extraordinary and the attraction of its ideas undeniable to the young and the hurly-burly world of macho politics and follow-my-leader media, it has been all but ignored.

Together the groups (mem-bership more than 2 million) believe they offer a different set of values and perspectives and, most importantly. answers. Together, they say, they will stand at the next election, not as a party (they would not be allowed to because of charity rules) but yelling from the sidelines, demanding that the two political parties address a positive pro

gramme of change.

The Greens and the media look on and laugh, saying Real World is little more than an underfunded lobby group. And there in a nutshell is the crists in British politics: when not even the Greens will sup-Act, and seen through the Energy Conservation Bill.

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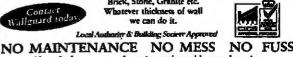
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An Everest in the skies

who has died aged 92. was the first man to fly higher than the highest point on earth. It was in late 1932 and early 1933 that Penrose tested the open-PV3 biplane. Financed by Lady Houston, the aeronautical philanthropist, and sup-ported by the Air Ministry, the PV3 was intended for an attempt to fly over the 29.036 feet peak of Mount Everest in the Himalayas. Thus did he fly to 35,000 feet over Dorset. Thanks to Penrose's test flying, the aerial conquest of Everest was accomplished on April 3, 1933 by two Westland biplanes flown by the Mar-quis of Clydesdale and DF McIntyre. A documentary film, Wings Over Everest, followed.

Penrose was also an aeronautical engineer, author and historian. During 23 years as Westland Aircraft's chief test pilot, he tested and flew nearly 400 aircraft types, including all of the company's prototypes, and flying boats, Society. In 1946 he was born April 12, 1904; died August airliners, autogyros and heli- awarded an OBE for his war- 31, 1996

HE DOYEN of Brit conters. His five-volume Brit time test-flying. Seven years ish test pilots. Har ish Aviation, which he wrote ald "Hal" Penrose over 13 years, is a classic, a sales manager. and later testimony to his life in the industry and to his determination that its story should be chronicled first-hand. Penrose had his first flight

as a 15-year-old in 1919, cockpit Houston-Westland studied aeronautical engineer ing at London University, and joined Westland in Yeovil in 1926 as a designer-technician. A year later he learned to fly in the Reserve of Air Force Officers and in 1928 was appointed manager of West-land's civil aircraft department, also gaining a commercial-class pilot's licence. In 1931 he became chief test pilot, a position he held until 1953. In 1933, after the altitude re-

cord, Penrose also designed, built and flew what was then world, "Pegasus". In that de-cade, too, he test-flew the extraordinary tail-less, variable sweepback-wing Westland Pterodactyl. In 1936, aged 32, he became the youngest per-son ever to be elected a fellow of the Royal Aeronautical

group sales manager and a special director of the combined Westland, Bristol and Saunders-Roe helicopter group, retiring in 1968. Penrose started writing

articles on aircraft and bird flight between the wars. The first of his 11 books. I Flew with the Birds, was published in 1949 and was followed by his initial autobigraphy, No Echo in the Sky, and later British Aviation. His full autobiography, Adventure with Fate, was published in 1984. He was still flying his bi-

plane over his beloved Wes-sex countryside, and sailing his yacht, well into his eighties. He was a qualified naval architect, and designed sailing dinghies, yachts and power boats. He continued to write until a few months ago. His wife Norn, who he had married in 1929, died in 1986. He is survived by his son lan.



Joyce Plesters

Secrets of the old masters

central role in under-standing the painting at the very edge of areas of techniques of the old masters. As a conservation scientist at the National Gallery her work analysing paint samples revealed not only the materials used by artists and thus how to conserve their works the build-up of grounds, un standing of art history as a

degree at Holloway College. London, she became the third member of the National Gallery's budding scientific de-1987. There she soon became skilled in the microanalytical identification of pigments

ble without magnification, the samples are embedded in cubes of transparent resin. derlayers, dense paint and glazes when viewed under the microscope.

Plesters researched into the vital areas of how painting techniques have changed over the last 700 years and. once the composition of a partment, where she painting was known, how remained until retirement in best to slow down the gradual deterioration of the materials used. Her expertise, refined technique and ever-increasing mastery in her field led to quent understanding of the her being widely consulted by but also aided the study of art techniques of the painters, a art museums worldwide, history. Through her work

OYCE Plesters, who has pioneer in the analysis of pindled aged 69, played a head sized cross-sections of she was asked to set up analysis of that Titian applied a thin central role in under painting structures, sampled lytical laboratories in Florolayer of gesso over his canvas. Through this and subsequent work on the restoration of the church of Madonna dell'Orto in Venice, with its cycle of large canvases by Tintoretto, she retained a deep understanding and love for this art-

> In 1976 she planned the analytical laboratory of the Hamilton Kerr Institute, attached to Cambridge University, set up to train picture conserva-tors and trained its first scientist. Her meticulous labora-tory work was backed by a love of painting and knowledge of the works in the world's major art galleries Her work not only reinforced the work of conservationists but also aided the study of art

glass particles, containing co-balt and arsenic, mixed into the dark paint; thus providing art historians with another clue in differentiating his early work from his later and from that of his followers. Small of stature, sharp fea-tured and resolute, Joyce had in her earlier years the enviable ability to sit up all night, if necessary, to write up reports or lectures, without showing the least signs of fatigue on the following day. Her unflappable exterior hid an astringent sense of humour and much kindness. In 1959 she married Norman

enabling him to sketch rough

outlines of his figures which

subsequently disappeared

when the applied paint

soaked into the gesso ground.
She was the first analyst to
note that, in his later paintings, Rembrandt used fine

lery days but who had by then been appointed Keeper of Conservation at the Victoria & Albert Museum. Their house in Peckham was fur nished with 19th century furniture and china, including an extensive collection of jugs produced prior to the death of Prince Albert, reflecting her interest in the early years of Queen Victoria's reign. She was a keen and knowledgeable gardener, with impres sive results in the large gar-den of their 18th century thatched cottage near Lam-

After her retirement Nornan and Joyce moved to a village in Umbria, where again an English garden was in the making. Norman died in 1989 but Joyce determined to soldier on in the company of her dachshund, Simon III, and her ginger cat, Nicky IV. Until illness overtook her early this year, her views and advice were consistently sought by colleagues in the world of old paintings and museums. She will be greatly missed by them, as well as by her numerous friends.

Herbert Lank

conservation scientist, born April 13, 1927; died August 21,

Letters

Christopher Bell writes: Erskine Childers (obituary September 4) wrote the seminal 1962 book The Road to Suez, in which he did so much to open British eyes to the cause of the Palestinians. There was a major shift in the left's view of Israeli expansionism in the 1960s and 1970s. for which Childers's writing and advocacy can take much of the credit. He was also a brilliant broadcaster and a delight and an education for young BBC World Service producers. A few of his later programmes on African matters caused tremors in Whitehall and the occasional unsubtle suggestion that he be dropped Happily. World Service management firmly

Terry Mullins writes: The great Bulgarian soprano Ljuba Welitsch (Obituar) September 3) made a poignant appearance on the 1960 Decca recording of Die Fledermaus. This gala performance, recorded in Vienna and conducted by Herbert Von Karajan, had an interpolated sequence in which various can case workers on a trans-Brommelle, whom she had opera luminaries on Decca's atlantic visit. At St Thomas's known in his National Gal- roster were brought on to her intelligence and optimisroster were brought on to her intelligence and optimissing a party piece. Right at tic realism made her an inthe end came Welitsch singing an unforgetable Vienna, City of my Dreams.

Birthdays

Thomas Allen, operatic baritone, 52: Gee Armytage, jockey, 31; Babbet Cole, children's writer. 47; Diana Cole gate, novelist, 65; Beryl Cook, painter, 70; Louise Croll, former ambassador to Costa Rica, 61; Brian Dono hue, Labour MP, 48; Ted Edgar, show jumper, 58; John Entwistle, rock guitarist, 52; Judy Geeson, actress, 48; Prof Chevalier Herbert Gilles, authority on tropical medicine, 75: Christopher Hogwood, harosichordist, 55: The Very Rev Michael Mayne, Dean of Westminster 67: Norman Morrice, chore ographer, 65; Lord Nolan, ar biter of standards in public life, 68: Arnold Palmer golfer, 67; Denis Richards, air historian, 86; Dame Betty Ridley, former Church Commissioner, 87; Dr Brian Smith, chairman, BAA, 68: Prof Carel Weight, CH, painter and art teacher, 88; Robert Wise, film director and producer, 82; Fay Wray.

Betty Read

The almoner's caseload

ROM 1947 to 1970 Betty more than 30 years. She ex-86. was head of the social work department of St Thomas's Hospital, Lon-don. With the coming of the National Health Service in 1948, she made the transition from being a "lady almoner", whose duties included asking patients to contribute towards their care, to becom-ing a medical social worker. And she provided the leadership that enabled her staff to evaluate their own strengths and to help sick and worried south Londoners do the same. She was educated at

Streatham High School and the London School of Economics. She worked as an almoner at the Westminster Hospital, as a tutor at the Institute of Almoners and spired leader, encouraging her team and helping them to

tute of Almoners she played an important role as it became part of the British Association of Social Work-ers, though she regretted the loss of some of the benefits of the earlier specialisation. Her influence on social work, rooted in her own caseload, was widespread

bury in the evolution of the Family Welfare Association and the pioneering social projects of the Cicely Northcote Trust, which had been attached to St Thomas's from the early years of this cen-tury. She also supported the Christian charity L'Arche, which creates small communities for adults with learning

vided widely respected vice. Among the projects she supported was St Christohospice movement. Several of the early grants to St Christopher's came through her recommendation. She became a member of its steering committee and subsequently a council member, serving for

team in the community. Her sensitivity to family issues was based on a commitment to her own family. Never married herself, she lived at home to help care for her parents and, later, her brother. She was a loving and wise aunt and sister-in-law. For many years she battled with arthritis and consequent

through many crises. She tidied up her life with objec-

work creatively. As a member of the Insti-

She worked with Ben Ash-

As a committee member with various charities, and also more informally, she propher's Hospice and thence the

policy and that of the whole hospice movement, with its emphasis on the family as the unit of care, and the caring

operations, cheerfully mak-ing little of ill health. Her ever enquiring Christian faith underpinned an unselfish but happy life and saw her

Read . . . family issues

tive efficiency, but never her room, which remained piled with papers and books, making a visit a cheerful bazard. Her last three years were spent at St Christopher's Hos pice in the wing donated by the Drapers' Company, following yet another intro-duction from Betty Read herself. There she made new friends and welcomed many old ones, cared for by staff who, like many others, will deeply miss her unfailing welcome. She has left a lasting heritage for which she deservedly received her MBE in

Dame Cicely Saunders

Agnes Beatrice Read, medical social worker, born May 29, 1910; died August 15, 1996

A Scots

Robert Lynn

world of anarchy

T WAS the Glasgow anar T WAS the classow man-chist Group of the early. 1970s which provided the most fruitful forum for the ideas of Robert Lynn, who has died aged 72. Amidst a blossoming of literature and direct action, pamphlets bear-ing Robert Lynn's signature with titles like Practical An-archy and Why Vote? Were avidly read. **51** P&O C 22.60

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Born in the Calton in Glas-gow's East End he left St Mun-go's Academy at 14 and he go's Academy at 14 and necame a shipyard engineering apprentice. During the second world war, the influential shop stewards' committees were dominated by the Committee has been been been been but their relies. munist Party, but their policy munist rarry, our men poncy of subordinating the workers interest to those of the Soviet Union drew a withering fire from anarchists. Troisivists and non-CP socialists it was then that Robert Lynn began to study Bakunin's ideas and industrial syndicalism.

In the immediate post-war years Lynn's influence became increasingly irritating to both shipbuilding employ ers and communistied union officials, and as a result be was blacklisted. Jobless, he became a Merchant Navy engineering officer and spent some years seeing the world — and enveloping himself in syndicalism and the idea of Max Stirner.

Returning to Glasgow in the early 1950s, he threw him-self into marriage, trade unionism and the Glasgow Anarchist Group. It was the only place in the world, as the writer and academic anarchist George Woodcock wrote, "where the egocentric philosophies of Max Stirner took root and were given pop-

THE ANARCHISTS held open forums in Giasgow's Renfrew Street alongside the Socialist Party of Great Britain, nationalists and Trotskyists who regularly debated - sometimes physically — and where ordinary working-class men and women passionately discussed the ideas of Feurbach, Clara Zetkin, Bakunin, Kropotkin and many others. Lynn revelled in his "univer sity of life".

In the late 1950s the Glasgow Anarchist Group disintegrated, and its reorganisation was left to Lynn. He im-mersed himself in his local community of the Calton, where he and Jean, his constant companion, became well-loved characters. He went to work at Howden's engineering plant on the south side of Glasgow, while with the 1970s the anarchist group flourished. A great number of events were initiated by Lynn, especially the now traditional Glasgow anarchist summer school which attracts libertarian socialists from all over Britain.

Robert Lynn was generous to a fault. He did not suffer fools gladly but rarely had a bad word to say about any-one. He is survived by Jean and daughters Jean, Joan and

Stuart Christie

Robert Lynn, anarchist, born February 5 1924; died August 16 1995

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Good God

ANY religious organisation in the world is invited to enter their god. Only one entry per religion is allowed. Onlookers may cheer for their god by offering prayers, songs, epi-thets or verbal abuse. The win-ning god will receive all money, possessions and property held by churches, organisations and representatives of the losing gods. In the eventu-ality that there is no winner, then all money, property and possessions of all the religions in the world will be turned over to a Committee of Common Sense for distribution to the betterment of conditions of all living creatures.

Virgin Impregnated: Gods of any sex are invited. They need not demonstrate any specific skill at love-making, or any pa-rental responsibility. The vir-gin will be chosen by the Committee of Judges. The lady will be kept in total isolation for a period of three months prior to allowing the challenging god to accomplish this task. The virgin will be kept in isolation for a period of nine months. The child may be of any sexual orientation but should be observ ibly human. Corpse Raised: Any human

Art through the microscope . . . Joyce Plesters at work in the National Gallery

corpse in a stage of putrefaction can be entered. The Committee of Judges will examine the body to verify that it is actually dead. The corpse will be locked in a private chamber, where it can be observed objectively. Absolutely no one will be allowed inside the chamber. The Committee of Judges will determine when the deceased a cognisant human being again. Revitalising hibernating hamsters does not count. Choice of (a) Multitude Fed or (b) Sick Healed: This represents the practical part of the contest. Gods may pick A or B

A.) Gods may chose to heal a

physically handicapped person, chosen by the Contest's Committee of Judges. This person will be an amputee. The god must be able to demonstrate. beyond a shadow of a doubt, the ability to perform a miraculous healing by making the missing limb grow back. B.) Gods may choose to feed every starving person and creature in an impoverished nation, chosen by the Contest's Committee of Judges. The food must be abundantly apparent for one full year after the acceptance of this particular challenge. The competition on the Internet

Designer death

is an attempt to bring a "final

controversy and hypocrisy," found at www2.islandnet.com/

luree/contest.html

resolution to all religious wars.

EXPERTS in inexpensive, green and DIY funerals, the National Death Centre helps people achieve the funeral of their choice. (Back garden burial, for example, has been legal since the Quakers were founded, although a corpse in the garden can deter house buvers.) It also organises Natural Death Salons where over tea and cakes - you can plan your own funeral, from the invitations to the activitles such as "group scrib-bling on the coffin" (like sign-ing a plaster cast). Then there are the finer points of corpse care: "Tea-tree and lavender oils can stop deterioration, but it's still a good idea to turn the heating down." One therapist enthused about sharing the bed with the deceased: "It is really a beautiful thing. You can sleep with the body or watch television Just a couple of ideas on dealing with death. Other sugges-

tions were to make your funeral film or get your coffin early from Heaven on Earth in Bristol, who provide coffins which double as spice racks, cuboards, and even shoe boxes where you can store your shoes till you pop your clogs. Harper's and Queen.

Prima lady

"WHEN I was first asked by Lindsay to be the guest editor of Prima's 10th Anniversary

luck. I have always been fascinated by women's magazines and a fan of Prima. Editing it turned out to be even more interesting than I had expected . . . I chose to highlight three subjects. As a working mother I know just how important good child care is, so I wanted to focus on the work of the many after. school clubs in the UK. As a young barrister I've handled many cases of domestic violence and I therefore wanted to highlight the work of Refuge, which celebrates it's 25th birthday this year. I also wanted to applaud the magnif icent job that's being done every day of the week by the housands of carers up and down the country - especially the children. As a keen knitter myself, I love the mother and daughter jumpe which Kathryn and I will wear again and again. And I was delighted that Paul Costelloe was able to design my ideal dress for Prima readers - one that can be worn to work during the day and still look fantastic in the evening. Prima also solved another problem for me: how do you

produce a meal that's interest ing and nutritious in 30 minutes? I have enjoyed every minute of my guest editorship, but most of all I enjoyed meet-ing Prima readers. They made me feel so welcome and we were able to share the difficulties of and delights of bringing up children, helping your rtner and still finding time to fullfil yourself. The sharing, caring Cherie Blair introduces her guest edit-

ed October issue of Prima. It includes 101 Clever Cooking



Prima . . . Cherie's in charge | King James had given the

Wear Trousers, The Ultimate Guide to Styling Your Hair, 7 Health Risks You Don't Know About and the Designer Dress You Can Make.

Slippery pole OVER TO London public

relations agency Burson-Marsteller — the people who thought up the brand name " can't believe it's not Butter" - where associate director Simon Titley is bent on clean ing up their literary act. He recently issued a seven-page guidance memo to staff titled et's run this up the flagpole and see who salutes - a guide to defeating PR jargon, gob-bledegook, buzz-words and cliches. He quotes the opening verses of the King James version of the Bible: "in the beginning God created the beaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the earth. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be ight: and there was light. If

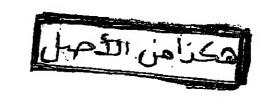
Tips, You Proved It We Can All | drafting job to a PR agancy. rgues Simon, it would proba bly have read like this: "At the outset, God's agenda was basically to focus on his core deliverables, namely two leading-edge products, a) Heaven and b) earth. "How-ever the earth lacked an overall concept, and had a low profile in terms of its key audiences. Obviously the spirit of God had to step back and benchmark the existing waters before his game plan could get them the green light. "And God's key mesage was that light was a strategic objective, and it was covered-off," It goes on: "So God branded the light "day" and the darkness "I Can't Be lieve it's Not Light.' Stage Screen and Radio providing the leading edge on advertising activities. Thanks to Stephen Hopkins. lackdaw wants jewels. E-mail

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ise each company's contribu-tion to the container ship business. P&O will receive a

further £87 million when

inter-company debts have been settled and the deal will eliminate nearly £270 million

from the British group's debt.

Importantly for P&O, the deal hives off the container

ship business which — while performing up to industry standards — was producing

returns too low to keep share-

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Finance Guardian

Sterling silences his critics Global banking

P&O deal builds £2.6bn business porters, thereby savaging

ORD Sterling yester-day fought back against recent criti-cism of his stewardand property group P&O by sewing up an Anglo-Dutch merger to create the world's biggest container shipping

soared by 53p to 570p, a record for the year, before dropping back to 5591/sp, up 421/sp, as the group said it would form a joint venture with Holland's

successful managers of com-pany pension schemes is set

to suffer "deep, long-term

damage", one pension trustee

His prediction came as it

emerged that about a quarter

of the £1.4 billion caught in

the investment bank's three stricken unit trusts came

from pension funds managed

sionals say that the affair —

sparked by the discovery of

possible irregularities in funds run by suspended man-

ald a review of the routine

practice whereby pension fund managers in large, inte-

grated investment houses

direct a large portion of

money under management

into investment products run

by other parts of the group. Morgan Granfell has had

particular success over recent

years in attracting pension

contracts, with funds under

management rising 42 per

£14 billion. Clients range

from Whitbread to the Mer-

chant Navy Officers Pension

Fund and Westminster City

ing that of the public sector

workers' union Unison, are

said to have discovered that

part of their money had been

invested in the biggest of Mr | renwald, to Lor Young's ill-fated unit trusts, sultative" role.

But several funds, includ-

Many investment profes-

'in-house" by Morgan.

said vesterday.

Morgan affair

puts in-house

deals in doubt

ORGAN Grenfell's reputation as one of the country's most successful management of the country's most last week, said the investment

Nedlloyd to establish a con-tainer shipping business with a fleet of 112 vessels and revenues of £2.6 billion a year.

nues of £2.6 billion a year.

The merger will catapult the new P&O Nedlloyd to the top of the world league in terms of the capacity it offers on major global trade routes. It should also see the group in third position, challenging giants Maersk of Denmark and Taiwan's Evergreen, in terms of the number of loaded terms of the number of loaded containers carried.

Both companies want to reduce costs in a business which has produced notoriously poor returns. Container

the European Growth Trust, and immediately issued

One trustee, who ordered

last week, said the investment bank had "irled some serious arm-twisting" to get him to

"I accept that when we were put into this particular fund it was simply because it

appeared to give us the right

exposure to Europe and was

performing well. But the po-tential conflicts are clear," he

Morgan said fresh redemp-tions had slowed substan-

tially, with £39 million being

removed from the three funds

yesterday after the £190 million taken out last week.

clined to comment on what

portion of the funds reflected

investment business passed

on from other parts of the

Morgan group — such as from

private client portfolios

under discretionary manage-

ment, as well as pension

City fund managers said

the long-term prospects for the three European funds still

looked grim and predicted

that investors would continue to remove cash. One said: "It

will be death by a thousand

Deutsche Bank, Morgan's

parent, took another public

step towards tightening con-

trol of its British subsidiary

by seconding a manager from

agement unit, DWS, Udo Beh-

renwald, to London in a "con-

change his mind.

edemption instructions.

shipping lines operate "bus stop" services which commit them to a set schedule. This tends to mean their main resporters, thereby savaging their own margins.

A major part of the planned cost savings — estimated as likely to top £130 million a year after an initial £65 million restructuring charge — will be the elimination of 1,400 jobs from the 9,400 worldwide workforce. Redundancies will be spread between the two companies, with about 250 in the UK.

The Nedlloyd venture comes as P&O prepares for cooperation talks with Stena on the cross-Channel route, where profits have been hammered by competition from Eurotunnel. Lord Sterling,

Merger savings £130 mp p.a Cargo carryings 2.3 mm teur p.a



would be disappointed if cost savings from the container ship merger were not signifi-cantly higher than those already identified.

Large new vessels, able to

containers, should help as order to create a 50/50 part-they are about £65 a container inership, Nedlloyd has agreed cheaper to operate. But there will also be savings from eliminating route overlap and a number of the agencies around the world, and establishing a combined informa-

tion technology system.

Questions remain about the ability of the container companies to renegotiate existing trade alliances. Both P&O and Nedlloyd already have global trade-sharing partnerships which will inevitably be dis-rupted by yesterday's deal. Lord Sterling predicted,

however, that the merger could be the first phase in a worldwide rationalisation of the container shipping busi-ness, rather like the shake-up in aviation a decade back. He was convinced this "pro-active" agreement would be

who has promised asset dis-posals of £1 billion, said he carry the equivalent of 6,500 rooms around the world. In from its parent groups.

Chairman delivers mellow valediction to restive investors

for 21st century to buy some containers from P&O for £113 million to equal-



Edited by Alex Brummer

holders happy.
Separation of the container HE decision by the Bank operations also removes a business regarded as capital-intensive. It is estimated that for International Settlements, the Basle-based central bankers' club, to the new P&O Nedlloyd will widen its membership to include nine emerging market countries, represents a criti-cal milestone for the global spend about £500 million over the next three years, but this economic order.

It has been evident since

the IMF's 50th anniversary meetings in Madrid in 1991, that the richer industrial countries can no longer cajole or bully their developing country counterparts to order, any more than they can prevent the export of jobs to Asia — as the British Airways imbroglio shows.

Until now, however, the emerging markets nations have had real difficulty in making it to the top table. The efforts to redistribute quotas, the equivalent of shares, to newcomers has stalled. Germany continues to block the sale of IMF gold to support debt forgiveness for the poor-

And while the richer countries are willing to allow the newly emerging surplus nations, like Singapore, to join their emergency funding facility, they still continue to balk at allowing the newcom-ers to join in discussions of broader issues, such as credit risk in the banking system.

Given the inherent conservatism of the BIS, which is best known for developing rules designed to underpin the safety of bank balance sheets, it is perhaps the last place most people would have looked for reform. In fact, it seemed particularly impossible at the BIS, which has been the bastion of the old-style European economic order.

Quietly, however, its general manager, Andrew Crock-ett, has been working behind the scenes to widen the franchise. He has changed the nature of BIS monthly meetings, to give a wider group of central bankers the chance to air their views. Now he has been successful in winning places for them on the BIS board. The new intake will include

the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the People's Bank of China, Banco Central do Brasil, Reserve Bank of India, Banco de Mexico, the Russian central bank and the Saudi Arabian and Singapore mone tary authorities.
As a result, the newcomers

influence the views of the G10 leading industrial countries. Moreover, by drawing countries like Singapore Into the net, it should be easier to Yet despite this mess, and maure their co-operation in the defensive bluster in the net, it should be easier to future banking crises -should, for instance, another

Membership of the BIS will bring with it status but also one of the world's greatest engreater global responsibilities. The BIS — set up in the nently linking Britain to wake of the first world war as a payments organisation for German reparations — has, not be counted financially.

in effect, become the first global financial institution of the 21st century.

Sterling revival

HAT a difference a deal makes. Just two months back. City gossip held that Lord Sterling - the autocratic and highly influential boss of P&O — would be lucky to hold on to his boardroom seat.

He was accused of taking an altogether too soft-hearted approach to the group's cargo shipping businesses and there were those who said he did not have the stomach for radical surgery.
But Sterling had already

responded to investor discontent by signalling a with-drawal from bulk shipping. And anyone ready to lend an ear would have known he had been trying (on and off for years as it turns out) to secure a merger which would get the poorly performing container shipping business off P&O's books.

City short-termists saw nothing but foot-dragging. P&O was scierotic, ripe for break-up with someone else at the helm, it was said. But it now emerges that delay had paid off — the container ship operation has been given a sporting chance by being put into a venture big enough to top the world rankings, in a business where size is a crucial factor of success.

Shares leapt joyously at the latest sign that Sterling's deal-making prowess has not deserted him. And, despite a flerce nationalism, the P&O boss yesterday talked tough in terms of transferring ships off the British register if it

proved more cost effective to fly the Dutch flag. There is little doubt that Sterling has spent too heavily on a shipping business which defled decent returns and he has presided over the dissipa-tion of shareholder value.

But his critics in the City are now doing a U-turn, as they rush to "discover" new potential in the P&O shares. So far, the group's major shareholders, who backed him when others would have handed him his sword, have been vindicated.

Chunnel bonus

-INANCIALLY Eurotunnel has been a disaster for the shareholders who believed the company's stock marketing campaign and the bankers who backed the project and have declared a debt moratorium.

Whichever way the halfyear losses of £371.7 million are cut, the project cannot be considered a commercial success. Even now, the market-ing and ticketing end of the operation is primitive compared to the systems operated by the airlines and ferries.

which the retiring chairman Sir Alastair Morton specialises, one cannot be too nega-tive. He brought to fruition Europe, EMU or not. Perhaps

Report in the knowledge that, although much work has been

done, much is still required.
"We see this report not as a

public demonstration of our

achievements, but as an an-

nouncement of the issues that

we as a company intend to address."

Environmentalist Jonathon

Porritt said in his foreword

that Sainsbury's targets were

Welcoming the report, he pointed out. "The targets set by Sainsbury's are not exact-

ly breathtaking -- the hoped-

Murdoch vanity

Pauline Springett

Deuth Notices

Sittas

UPERT MURDOCH is unlikely to lose much sleep, but the media tycoon has been toppled from the top spot in Vanity Fair's annual list of leaders of the "information age".

Microsoft's Bill Gates is now king of Vanity Fair's glossy castle, thanks to the expansion of his business

empire in the past year.

However, apparently mindful of the furore that can be triggered by lists of the rich and famous, the US up-market, style magazine refrains from ranking the top 50 in terms of wealth.

Publicity for the list, which is contained in the magazine's October issue to be published tomorrow, states that the chosen 50 are "ranked by power, influence, and billions, together with their X factor (a mixture of leadership, charisma, and style)". Clear? Vanity Fair appears to

Murdoch . . . usurped in Vanity Fair rankings by Gates

its top dogs have racked up more than \$100 billion in mergers and acquisitions since 1994. These "titans of industry" have "made the US the first superpower in the Information Age".

The list contains nine new entries, although stal-wart Michael Eisner, boss of the Walt Disney Com-pany, is still number three. Film director Steven Spielberg also gets in, although he has slipped nine slots to Anong the newcomers.

the most colourful must be Michael Milken, "the first ex-con to make the list." Described as an "indepen-dent financial adviser", Milken completed a 22month stretch for securi-ties fraud. Since his release be has been advising on a number of mega deals. As the magazine puts it. "Yes, yes, he's a convicted felonwho says money doesn't



Stepping down — and up . . . Sir Alastair Morton, left, and his successor, Robert Malpas Gates puts dent in **Eurotunnel begins to** dig itself out of hole

Outlook

Simon Beavis

combative chairman of Eurotunnel, bade a gentle farewell to the company yesterday with the mes-"My part of the job is All a bit false, of course. Just as Sir Alastair is un-

likely to mellow at this point in his career, he does not leave for another eight weeks and knows there is much to do before he can start a longplanned six-month holiday. But after nearly 10 years battling to get one of Europe's most ambitious infrastruc ture projects realised, he had a right to be a touch senti-mental as the company pro-duced healthy-looking half-

vear results. The truth — as Sir Alastair and fellow directors made clear — is that these results are of limited significance if the company, with a stock market value of just under £1 billion, fails to achieve agreement with its 225 bank-ers on refinancing debts of nearly £9 billion. An increas ingly restive army of shareholders needs to be appeased

On the operating level things do seem to be looking good. After the delays which saw the tunnel come into full operation nearly two years late - it is carving out a convincing and growing the shareholders and banks On the lucrative Dover/ Folkestone-Calais route it claims to be seeing off a costly

and concerted push by the ferry companies and has achieved a 45 per cent share of the car market with its Le Shuttle service. What Sir Alastair and co-chairman Pat-rick Ponsolle called "our growing mastery of our transport system" has led to spec-tacular increases in all types of traffic volume.

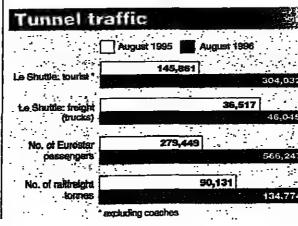
Revenues were up from £105 million for the first half of last year to £224 million this time, with the promise that the group is on course to increase 1995's full-year revenues by some 50 per cent to more than £450 million. Its operating losses shrank by £93 million to £372 million. Delays may be a thing of

still need to be patient. The company was not being very forthcoming about the eventual shape of the debt

But the co-chairmen left that the deal would involve sacrifices. In a joint letter. they said it would be "a num-ber of years" before share approximating those origi-nally anticipated. "Everyone has to accept certain sacrifices.

Later, Sir Alastair declined to say whether banks would end up owning more than half of Eurotunnel but insisted the French shareholders would not accept "something that wipes them out". He added: "It isn't going to be an Anglo Saxon-creditor-takes-all

But shareholders must real-





banks will be in control. Ob servers expect the group to swap £1 billion £1.5 billion of debt for equity in the first instance, leaving the banks with nearly 49 per cent of the Chunks of the remaining

debt will then be parcelled up into either loan stock which will convert into Eurotunnel shares if the company fails to meet targets, or into bonds. Eventually the banks are likely to control all but a tiny proportion of the equity.

Shareholders may see this as a raw deal. But their choice is stark. As one analyst put it: "If this project hadn't been so politically sensitive, the banks would have marched all over the shareholders al-The deal — which Sir Alas-

tair insists will require eight more hours of negotiation would give investors a slice of a company which even the sternest critics agree could have a viable future. Failure to strike a deal would leave them with shares in a company which is not just techni-cally bankrupt, but actually



Sainsbury scrubs 'green' cleaners off shopping list report, chairman David Sainsbury said: "We issue this first Environmental

SAINSBURY yesterday dealt another blow to a leading producer of "environment friendly" cleaning prod-ucts by claiming its goods were no greener than rivals'

The supermarket group says, in its first environmental report, it has decided to scrap some Greencare products because their environmental performance is no longer any better than conrentional products.

The move follows criticism

of suppliers by the National Consumer Council earlier this year, which said shopwere confused by envi

Sainsbury accepts the NCC charges and urges the Government to act on product enviconmental claims.

In his introduction to the

for efficiency gains in its HGV fleet, for instance, will clearly not be sufficient."
Sainsbury says it is work-

not tough enough.

ing out what "sustainable de-velopment" means for its business, but that is unlikely to lead to acceptance of envi-ronmentalists' criticisms.

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Rebuke stings BT's sentinel

UKE March felt be had been slapped in the face when Oftel used its regulatory powers last week to order British Telecom to stop misleading customers about

compliance director four months ago, thought the prob-lem had been solved and that Oftel was satisfied with the

sions with Offel two days be-fore the order was made," he said. "The last thing I did was to ask whether they were sat-isfied with what we had done. They said we had done everything they wanted us to do. Then two days later we got

had made the order was that further contraventions may

s Consumers' Association report which claimed that about 60 per cent of taped in-terviews with BT staff con-

"When we became aware of the allegations we carried out an investigation, found that there was a problem and arranged for all calls about rivals to be referred to a unit specially trained to bandle them," Mr March said. All this was done before Oftel

He admits, however, that the jury at Oftel is probably still out over his ability to fulfil his brief.

He defines his role as see-ing that BT's 130,000 employess comply with telecom and fair-trading regulations, with the group's licence conditions and "with anything that comes out of Offel".

For this daunting task he has a team of four, including his secretary. But in practice he is able to draw upon the larger legal, regulatory af-fairs and audit departments. He has no illusions about the task ahead. "In the past BT just did what it wanted to

said, although loyally adding that it had become much The majority of the group's employees had worked for it

You're used to

successful meetings.

So are we.

do, and sod the customer," he



responsible for ensuring compliance. "This is new for BT," he said. "Line accountability ing to take competition issues into account. It is a culture promulgated strongly, it had just been assumed." shank, the director-general of Oftel - want to change.

is that BT can gain a competi tive advantage by being seen publicly to comply fully with regulatory standards.

> information uncovered by the Consumers' Association astic staff trying to deal with things for which they had not been trained, although he acknowledges that the huge job osses at BT in recent years have put extra pressure on the remaining employees.

way is to set up more robust controls for vetting all advertisements and mail shots. We were not maximising the

ways operating within the and regulatory rules, and seeking advice from col-leagues at an appropriate level to achieve this. So, what happens if he feels that something BT is doing, or planning to do, breaches those principles? "I have no power of veto but I feel I have

spanner in the works, which lic relations disaster for the veto." he said.

Another initiative under

been sent a leaflet outlining BT's "competitive market tiples", which include al-

terpreting the new catch-all go quietly.

clause outlawing anti-compet ftive behaviour, which Mr Cruticksbank has insisted on inserting in BT's licence in

Mr March said that in the financial services industry from which he came — he was company secretary and compliance officer of the TSB Group — there would be de-tailed rules and regulations. But in BT's case "there ain't no rule book".

Oftel has set out fair-trad-ing guidelines but BT claims these are not detailed enough for it to be sure whether

Mr March, who was born in Brecht — "my mother is Duich and I was only there for three months" - retains a number of public service outside interests. For example

While his powers at BT are more influential than directive, he does have one heavy weapon in his armoury. He would be the equivalent of a telecom group, especially be-reto," he said.

The biggest challenge is in-

News in brief

Panic selling hits troubled Olivetti

A WAVE of panic selling yesterday hit Olivetti, Italy's troubled computer and office equipment group, driving its share price down to an historic low. Investors, faced with a loss of more than half the value of their stake in the firm since the beginning of the year, raced to bale out. Shares were suspended several times and the price fell 21.9 per cent at one point, to an all-time low of 590 lire, plunging through a specially widened 20 per cent fluctuation limit. It closed 19.5 per cent down at 603 lire.

This latest blow came as Francesco Caio, the new chief

executive, flew to London to try to reassure increasingly wor-ried clients that the firm, built up by Carlo De Benedetti, had a riture. Olivetti was rocked last week, first by Mr De Benedetti' resignation as chairman, and then by that of chief operating officer Renzo Francesconi, who alleged that the firm's stated first-half losses of 440 billion lire (£191 million) did not give a true financial picture. Mr Caio said: "The damage has been enormous but Olivetti's potential is even bigger."

But Italian analysts were unconvinced. "The lack of any kind of transparency at Olivetti, the rumours that surface and are denied, and the lack of faith in the accounts are being reflected in the shares, "said Giovanni Fiocchi, who oversees 700 billion lire at Cofigest in Milan.

Trading in the shares was halted last week as the company prepared a statement to answer Mr Francesconi's accusations. Consob, the Italian bourse watchdog, said it was continuing its investigation of the company. — John Glover in Milan

BIS admits nine new banks THE Bank for International Settlements, set up in Switzerland in

1930 to process German reparations from the first world war, yesterday approved membership for monetary authorities in China, Russia, India, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea, Brazil, Mexico and Saudi Arabia.

BIS president Win Duisenberg said the nine will acquire shares and become full members by next March. They will join the 32 members concentrated in the western industrial states, eastern Europe and former British colonies. — Bloomberg

Mercury funds rise to £2bn

MERCURY One-2-One, the mobile phone company, said yester day that it can now draw on £2.2 billion of funds —an increase of 83 per cent since April — to boost its mobile phone network. It will use the extra capital, which has come from banks and shareholders, to help achieve its aim of having a 20 per cent market share by the end of the century. — Pauling Springett

Inflation is blocked at factory gate

OPES that Britain will enjoy low infla-tion well into 1997 were boosted yestering price growth in the manufacturing sector was flat in

Although factory output has begun to show signs of responding to increased high street spending, the annual rate of its price inflation fell to 2 per cent, a two-year low, suggesting that manufacturers have been unable to cash in on increasing demand.

The producer price index, regarded as a useful guide to official inflation, would fur-ther tempt Chancellor Ken-neth Clarke to cut interest rates, according to City analysis, although they argued that he would have to risk putting them up again before

David Coleman, economist his hand in pushing for another cut at his next meeting with Eddle George, on September 23. But Mr Clarke is more likely to be influ-enced by the view that an-other seeing emid much his other easing could push his luck just a little too far."

The underlying measure of factory gate price inflation, which excludes food, drink tobacco and petrol, was flat in August and the annual rate of since 1967. The month-on-month underlying rate was flat for the fourth month in a row, and the quarterly under the least volatile, fell to 0.2 per cent in August compared to 23 per cent at the start of this year.

this low for some time," said Simon Briscoe, economist at the rate remains this low and the trend remains favourable, the market should be confident that retail inflation will remain subdued."

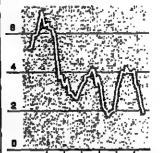
With output price pr so weak, analysts said that retailers should be able to cope with consumers' enthu-

The British Retail Consor tium's latest sales snapshot published today, shows that, while retailers reported an annual increase of 6.9 per cent in the like-for-like value of sales last month, the under lying rate of increase in the sector was likely to stabilise at an annual level of 6 to 6.5 per cent.

National Statistics figures for ufacturers will have little reason in the coming month to increase prices to retailers and wholesalers.

The annual, seasonally adjusted measure showed a fall of 2.2 per cent in the year to August the third regative month in a row.

Output prices



Danka duplicates itself with Kodak copiers purchase

that it is buying the troubled photocopying business of Eastman Kodak for \$684 million (£486 million). The deal sent Danks shares soaring 85p to close London and City Health Authority's audit committee and of the National Friends of Citians Advice Bureaux.

last year. Trading in Kodak shares was more subdued, following the company's announcement that it

would take a book loss of \$250 million after tax. Under the terms of the ac-quisition, Danka will buy Kodak's sales, marketing and service operations, as well as its facilities man-

gement business. Kodak will keep its manufacturing facilities, in-cluding three plants in Rochester. New York, Stuttgart in Germany and Kodak said the retention Mexico. Kodak's photo-copying business has a his-

tory of making losses.
Some 10,400 Kodak em-

double Danka's work force to 22,000 people.

Danka sales of \$1.2 bil-lion will rise to some \$3.5 billion, and its US domestic market share will

double to 6 per cent.

Danka chairman Mar Venchan-Les said the deal strong position in the fastest-growing segment of the market, high-volume pholarge numbers of pages a minute, where Kodak is well placed.

The industry leader. Xerox Corporation, admit-ted the deal was a "signifi-cant" change but warned that Danka was "entering a different game with differ-ent ground rules". It added that Danks was "on Xerox

For Kodak, the deal is a significant step in the comon its core business of traditional photographic imaging, especially in developing countries. The

of its manufacturing opera-tions, and its research and development facilities would enable it to retain ployees will transfer to and develop technology for Danka, including 900 in the UK. The moves will almost businesses.

Commerzbank gets caught up in German tax scandals

an Traymer by Bonn

HE epidemic of tax eva-sion scandals plaguing Germany's banks and industrialists spread yesterday to the upper reaches of Commerzbank, following the disclosure that its chairman and three other senior figures are being investigated for alleged financial misdemeanours.

This follows on the heels of the biggest tax fraud inquiry so far, which began last week when 600 investigators raided the Düsseldorf headquarters of West-LB, the country's third biggest bank, seeking evidence of its alleged role in alding and abetting tax evasion by transferring clients'

Frankfurt prosecutors said vesterday that Commerzhank chairman Martin Kohlhaussen, predecessor Walter Seipp, the head of the tax de-partment Wolfgang Hoenig, and another board member Kurt Hochheuser, were being investigated for their alleged role in the bank's underpayment of taxes between 1984 and 1988.

Commerzbank, the fourth

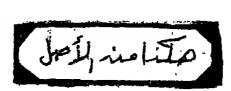
Germany, hotly contests the charges and is fighting to regain some of the DM300 mil-lion (£130 million) in back taxes it paid earlier this year. "We believe all these charges will be proven untrue," said Peter Pietsch, Commerzbank spokesman. He added that Mr Kohlhaussen had been target-ed because he signed the tax

Hans-Olaf Henkel, heed of the national industrialists' association, is another in a succession of high-profile names whose tax affairs are being investigated.

Meanwhile, the high street banks are at the centre of a row with the authorities over their part in providing foreign banking, mainly in Luxembourg, for clients attempttog to avoid paying tax on

savings. About 17,000 separate investigations into tax fraud are under way and some 50 banks have been raided in recent

The tax fraud crackdown is believed to have been ordered by finance minister Theo Waigel, with Chancellor Hel-mut Kohl's support, not least because of the parlous state of biggest commercial bank in the country's public finances.



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Pistol Pete fires only a minority

Stephen Bierley

on fears of a decline in the United States

HEN it rains at the US Open they throw in the towel The mighty nation has found no better way of dealing with a saturated hard court at Flushing Meadow than send-ing 30 or so men and women on their knees to dry the sur-

face with white cloths.

Perhaps, better than anything, the sight reflects the true status of the sport in the United States: a long, long way behind American football, baseball, basketball and ice hockey. A minority sport.

The comfort for American fans and the US Tennis Association has been the seemingly unending conveyor belt of successful players, even if the women have had to rely in recent years on two Euro-

in recent years on two European imports, Martina Navratilova and Monica Seles.

What worries Americans
now is the seemingly total
lack of gifted youngsters moving up through the junior
ranks, particularly on the
men's side. In 1981 the US had
55 women in the top 100 and
39 men. A decade later the
women's figure had dropped women's figure had dropped to 25 and the men to 17. And the decline is continuing.

Pete Sampras, who on Sun-day won his fourth US Open title after a massive storm had halted play for more than two hours, belongs to a gifted generation of American players which includes Michael Chang, whom he beat 6-1, 6-4, 7-6 in the final, Jim Courier, Andre Agassi, Todd Martin and MaliVai Washington.

But behind this group the ranks are thin and there is a growing complaint from outside the USTA that the nation's governing body is not looking for youngsters in the right places. It continues to search in tennis-friendly areas rather than scouring the inner cities for talent.

There are vested interests afford it, and the youngsters flooding in are mainly from will continue to erode Ameri- this year.

ues the home sponsors will inevitably pull out. This year has been a partic-ularly bad one for the US with American players winning only two of the eight Grand Slam singles titles — Seles in

Australia and now Sampras.

In this country of winners such lack of success is not taken philosophically. The women's game has some 60 tournaments in 25 countries with players from 70 nations, and croons that growth is good for the game. Not in America it ain't.

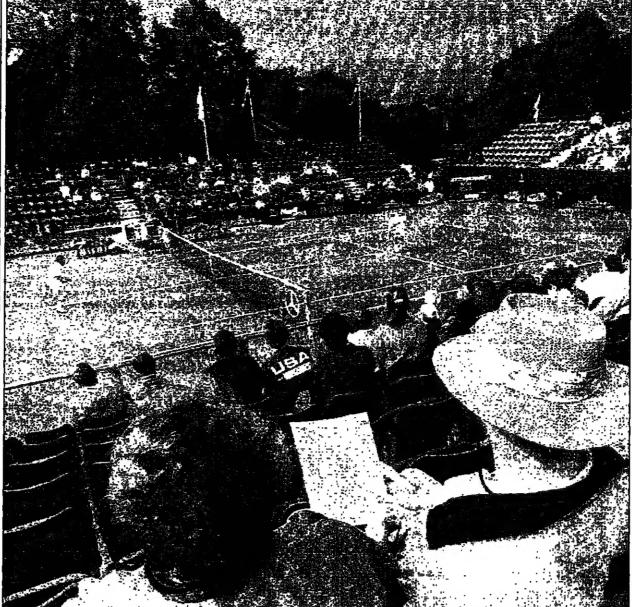
Even when Sampras wins, the public and the media are less than impressed. The Sta-dium court, staging its last US Open finals before the move to a new stadium adjacent to the old one, was virtually full for the women's final but, by the time the men began, a good third had gone home, too impatient to wait until the rain stopped. And the remainder watched the match in less than rapture. Nobody, or so it seems, appreciates Pistol Pete unless he is throwing up and staggering about; mere excellence is not enough.

This should possibly serve as a warning to Tim Henman who, after reaching the quarter finals at Wimbledon, again demonstrated his buragain temonstrated his bur-geoning authority by reach-ing the last 16 here before fall-ing to Stefan Edberg, playing in his final Grand Slam.

Henman plays similarly to Sampras and in public like-wise struggles to convey his emotions. Sampras is fortunate that he has Agassi as a foil; the Briton has nobody and this is bound to put great pressure on him during the next couple of formative

Open championships. The outstanding men's match was the quarter-final between Sampras and Spain's Alex Corretja, while on the women's side the continued emergence of Martina Hingis was extremely heartening. In the end the titles for Steffi Graf and Sampras could best be seen as triumphs over

at work here, notably Nick adversity. Graf won while her Bollettieri and his Floridabased training camp. But he opens his doors to all who can Sampras triumphed on what father Peter began his trial for tax evasion in Mannheim; would have been the 45th birthday of his coach and outside the US. Bollettieri be- closest of friends Tim Gullik-



Sapsford delivers early

David Irvine

OURNAMENT referees get some odd requests. Danny Sapsford asked Alan Mills for an early start tomorrow here at the Bournemouth International, assuming he sur-vived the first round, as he had an antenatal clinic to attend with his wife.

He may now have more pressing commitments: yesterday he beat Ignacio Truvol 6-3, 6-4 and came off court to find that his Japanese wife, Yuki, had gone into labour, and late yesterday afternoon the couple had a baby daughter.

focused clay-court display that had too much variety for Truyol, a Spaniard ranked 73 places above him. David Lloyd, Britain's Davis Cup captain, was de-lighted with the 27-year-old's form. Now that Jer-emy Bates has retired, Sapsford is the only player available who has won a

cup singles on clay. À run of victories could see Britain climbing back into the senior European zone at Egypt's expense on Wimbledon's No. 1 court later this month, but the team would then go into a group where clay-court matches would be the norm away from home. Sapsford understands the

and a baby daughter.

Before going home to more than can be said for | Weybridge. Sapsford gave a | his fellow Britons Colin | nothing compared with the | Open, stands at £212,000. | fore before their all-| medical care," he said.

Beecher, who lost 6-3, 6-2 snow that forced the final yesterday to Sweden's Paindoors when the last trik Fredriksson, and the men's event was played at 18-year-old Martin Lee, who lost by the same score to the experienced Guillermo Perez-Roldan of Argentina.

Truyol lacked the weight of shot to put the nimble Sapsford away and often conceded the longer rallies with wayward forehands. In the first set he was also repeatedly caught by clever drop-sbots.

Sapsford was unfortunate on his first match point when Truyol's return clipped the net and looped over his racket, and then he was broken, but he served out for victory at the second attempt.

The conditions were easy but the chill wind was fourth round of the US at the course two hours be-

the West Hants club in 1983. The winner then was Jose Higueras and this year his fellow Spaniards Al-berto Costa, Felix Mantilla and Sergi Bruguera are among the top five seeds. Today all eight seeds

play, with Britain's Greg Rusedski, the No. 6, facing Portugal's Joao Cunha-Silva. Luke Milligan, who reached the last 32 at Wimbledon, plays the second eed Mantilla.

• Tim Henman, the British No. 1, reached a career-best 33rd place in the ATP rankings announced yesterday. His prize-money for the year, after reaching the Racing

Backers settle on Dushyantor in open Leger

EFLECTING the open nature of the race. Sat-urday's Pertemps St Leger at Doncaster looks set to be fought out by the biggest field since Touching Wood beat 14 rivals in 1982

Fourteen stood their ground at yesterday's accep-tance stage and riding plans have been finalised for all but one of the runners - Chief Contender, who is to be joined by stable-mates Heron Island and Desert Boy in the

final Classic of the season.

Peter Chapple-Hyam, their trainer, has booked three times Leger-winning rider Willie Carson for Desert Boy, who is a 66-1 shot. John Reid partners, the stable feet. partners the stable's first choice. Heron Island. Dushyantor seems likely to

start clear favourite after working well at Newmarket over the weekend. He was clipped to 100-30 from 7-2 by Hill's yesterday, and is 3-1 market leader with Ladbrokes

trained colt at Salisbury last

John Carroll teams up with Samraan, a 50-1 chance, on Saturday. Reported "asbolute-ly fine" at his Arundel stable yesterday, Samraan travels to Doncaster with St Mawes, who advertised his Leger chance with a dour success in the Gordon Stakes at Goodwood.

Granted good ground, the

Sharaf Kabeer and Pricket. It took Shantou a while to recover from his hard race in the Derby, but he got back to winning form at Windsor and is not considered to be ungen-uine as has been suggested in

some quarters. Gosden has endured a sea son he will chiefly want to forget but there are several Stanley House horses to look out for when they encounter

Three for the notebook this autumn are Maiden Castle, Decorated Hero and Inquisi-tor, while anyone who saw the manner in which King Sound shaped on his debut be-hind Falak at Kempton last Friday will wish to keep a close eye on this highly prom-

ising two-year-old.
Gosden sends out three unraced juveniles today, the best of which might be Desert Track in the Rempstone Maiden Stakes at Leicester.

The betting will be informa-tive here, particularly with regard to the Godolphin runner, Sunbeam Dance (4.15). He was strongly fancied on I gather Pat Eddery, due to ride Dushyantor, was impressed by Samraan when he won on the John Dunlop-the starting stalls.

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More tangible claims are held by Hawkish (5.15) in the Stag Apprentices' Handicap, a race David Morley's gelding won off a similar mark last year. With the tal-ented Fergal Lynch aboard, Hawkish should go close

At Lingfield, Michael Stoute's hitherto disappoint-ing filly Really A Dream (5.00) could make a mockery John Gosden stable anticipate of her lowly rating in the a bold run from Shantou, who is preferred by Frankie Dettori to the Godolphin pair.

Southwell passes its medical

ries in a fall over the chas-ing course in July, was given a stringent safety examination yesterday and pronounced A1.

Last week Dr Michael

Turner threatened to resign as chief medical offi-cer to the Jockey Club after expressing misgivings over the qualifications of ambulance crews there.

SOUTHWELL, the course weather flat meeting where Richard Davis, began and spent almost an the 21-year-old jump jockey, suffered fatal inju-

He was accompanied by two leading medical fig-ures, Dr Richard Glover and Ian Rose, as well as Tony Goodhew, director of racecourse services.

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Premiership: Blackburn Rovers 1, Derby County 2

Rocky Rovers fall to flyer by Flynn

FTER Howard Wilkinson's departure from Leeds United. that price Ray Harford at Blackburn Rovers? Impatience with failure in the Premiership has never been greater than at Ewood Park last night as an 85th-minute sean Flynn left them second from bottom without a win all

Until Flynn scored, from Gabhiadini's pass, Rovers' beieagured manager had sought consolation in a first Premiership goal for 10 months from Chris Sutton, but the wheels began to come off in the very first minute. The chance to indulge m a spot of derision remains the inalienable right of every neutral supporter.

There is no more redeem-

ing feature of a struggling side than its priceless ability to concede a goal of outlandish proportions, an intoxicating collection of self-inflicted

Blackburn mastered that difficult art with such alacrity that they fell behind in the first minute. To describe the build-up as Derby's first attack would be a compliment to the routine opening seconds when players were doing little more than feeling

goal-line started things off nicely and his mis-hit clearance across his own area completed the job in extraordi-nary fashion. Blackburn's

confusion was immediate. Chris and Darryl Powell played a neat one-two and the former's lob over Flowers was headed off the line by Kenna with Hendry in close support. Willems then forced the ball in as Kenna made another desperate attempt to atone for his error, but his clearance came from behind the goal line. The crowd gabbled its disbelief, and Hendry and Kenna were left injured and floundering in the netting like a couple of landed cod.

Derby, as their position in the bottom four indicated. were not without their own frailties and conceded an equaliser after 10 minutes when Hoult failed to hold a deep cross from the left and Fenton's cross-shot from the six-yard angle was turned in

on Sutton rediscovering his scoring touch to offset Shearer's departure, but ligament trouble initially put paid to that With Rovers's attacking absence of Gallacher and Warhurst, Sutton's first divi-dend could not have been more timely for a side which

The equaliser hardly steadied Blackburn's nerves, which jangled afresh when Derby's Croatian playmaker Asanovic thudded a free kick against the bar. The home defence looked vulnerable every time Derby ran at them and when Sturridge supplied Wil-lems on the right of the area. he might have expected him to score. Instead Sturridge received an unwanted return pass and the opportunity was

Sutton's desire could not be faulted. He put himself about in a manner not always evident since his £5 million move. It was from jos pass that Donis swept the ball across the area, leaving Fenwide of the far post. Another Sutton sortie - a header from high. Derby, neat and orderly in

minutes retaining sound expectations of adding to their three draws in four matches but it was their crossbar which shuddered when Berg



Out of hand . . . with Colin Hendry in attendance. Derby's Russell Hoult flaps at a cross and sets the ball rolling for Blackburn's equaliser MCMA SPARE

Uefa Cup first round: Arsenal v Borussia Mönchengladbach

Job pointer as Graham | Part-time butcher asks Houston's advice

Martin Thorpe

OME things change. some stay the same. Twenty months ago the Arsenal No. 2 Stewart Houston found himself in temporary charge of Arsenal and seeking advice from the man he had just replaced, George Graham, on how best to tackle Auxerre in the Cup

Last week Houston, back in temporary charge and facing another European tie, this ham asking him about Borussia Mönchengladbach prior to | stride. tonight's Uefa Cup first round

It may not be long before Graham is asking Houston for advice more regularly. With the Leeds job beckoning, this could be Graham's last match as a pundit and, by association, one of Houston's last he too heads north to re-establish the partnership that enjoyed so much success at Highbury.

All Houston would say about that possibility yesterday was: "It is all speculation at the moment. You assess different situations as they come along, but I know that being

Aston Villa v Helsingborgs

realistic proposition."
Indeed, he was passed over for the No. 1 job at Highbury two seasons ago after taking the team to the Cup Winners' Cup final, and this time he was not even in the frame as the club appointed Arsene Wenger, whose arrival is pen-cilled in for the end of this It reflects all the more im-

pressively on Houston that despite the temporary nature of his role the players have continued to respect him and are noticeably playing for him. He takes the irony in his

"People have been saying for TV and knew nothing about the Germans," says ate it," he says modestly, "but the job and the targets I'm enced side in Europe, finished trying to achieve here have not changed.
"It has always been to get

as many league points as possible and get into the next round in Europe before the new man comes in."

He admits to being "disappointed" he did not get the job last time. With nearly two years of his contract to run, the club have promised him s job as No. 2 to the new manager. "But I've enjoyed being No. 1, and if in the future I get the chance to be No. 1 somewhere else I'll decide then whether

"It is nice to have a pat on the back for what I've went, but there is also mixed reaction. When I go back to being No. 2 I know that people in that position don't always get the credit they deserve. But the team going out

tonight feels like my team. The two big doubts are the goalkeeper David Seaman and the defender Steve Bould. both suffering with hamstring problems. A decision on whether they play will be made this morning.

Certainly Arsenal have the experience to do well in Europe, though they have conceded five goals in their Borussia, also an experi-

fourth in the Bundesliga last season but have been slow to get back into their stride. They registered their first win in the five games played this season only last Friday. But the team is packed with

quality players including the former German World Cup player Stefan Effenberg, much admired by Wenger. the striker Andrzej Juskowiak, who is Poland's Player of the Year, and two top-rated Swedes in the mid-fielder Stefan Pettersen and the former Blackburn centreback Patrick Andersson.

I Newcastle United v Halmstads

to size up Shearer

Michael Walker

HE stereotypes will be out in force in Newcas-tle tonight, and not parading up and down the Bigg Market. It is European trophy time and Newcastle United entertain the Swedish part-timers of Halmstads, who include a postbutcher. The last, Jesper Mattsson, will mark Alan Shearer.

Halmstads's coach Tom Prahl admits his time with the team is restricted. "All my players are part-timers. They have jobs and work from 7am to four in the afternoon. Then we train."

But Prahl obviously has his players well drilled. Although Halmstads are not widely known outside Sweden, they can point to some imposing recent form in Europe. Had Newcastle or any

other British team defeated Parma 3-6 in the Cup Winners' Cup last season, it would have been hailed as a wonderful result. Halmstads did just that against the likes of Zola, Stoichkov and Asprilla, only to subside in the second leg in Italy where they lost 4-0. Their dismissal of Loko-motiv Sofia in the first round last season also dem-

onstrated their strength. It is not a bad pedigree. Prahl can also boast impressive personal experience. As coach of another

Swedish club, Trelleborgs,

he oversaw the embarrass-ment of Blackburn in the Uefa Cup two years ago.

Shearer, of course, was a Blackburn striker then and scored in the away leg, but Trelleborgs went through, and they lost in the next round only to a last-minute Lazio goal by Alen Boksic. Halmstads's acquaint-ance with such high-calibre players and clubs explains

why Kevin Keegan yesterday played down their part-time description. "Okay, they've got a job as well," said Newcastle's manager. "But it is not correct to call them amateurs. They are three-quarter professionals, they train almost as much as we do."

draw with Aston Villa's opponents Helsingborgs, and identified what he believes are typical Scandinavian virtues: hard work and discipline. The latter is something

Keegan wants his own players to work on. He recalled Newcastle's last European experience, two seasons ago when they crushed Antwerp and went 3-0 up in an hour against Athletic Bilbao only to lose on away goals. "We're never short of adventure or flair but maybe our discipline is sometimes questionable," he said. With Batty suspended,

Clark looks certain to continue in midfield and there were strong hints that As-prilla would return to partner Shearer and the in-form Ferdinand up front.

Celtic v Hamburg

Rangers give Celtic some indirect help

Patrick Glenn

ANGERS may have done Ceitic a favour in the Parknead club's quest for a place in the second round of the Uefa Cup. By paying Hamburg £4 million for the de-fender Jorg Albertz. Walter Smith seems to have stripped the German club - Celtic's opponents in Glasgow tonight in the first leg of their first-round tie — of their most inspirational player.

Albertz was the team cap-tain, idolised by the fans and hugely respected by his team-mates. Without him Hamburg have lost their last two Bundesliga matches 4-0 and 3-0. Celtic. by contrast, have scored 13 goals in their last three matches, but their cen-Keegan watched Halm-stads 10 days ago in a 0-0 be missing after injuring an to rule himself out of the runankle in Saturday's 5-0 ning for any of the current the latest managerial casualty thrashing of Hibs. There is also a doubt about the rightback Jackie McNamara, who

> gastro-enteritis. Celtic's defensive line-up hinges on McNamara. If he plays, Tom Boyd will revert to central defence with John Hughes. If not. Boyd will remain at right-back with Brian O'Neil joining Hughes in the middle.

missed the Hibs game with

Aberdeen, home to Barry Town in the same tournament, plan only one change to the team that beat Raith Rovers 4-1 on Saturday. Antoine Kombouare, the Swiss defender recently bought from FC Sion, is cup-tied and Stewart McKimmie, who tried out in the reserves yesterday after returning from

injury, may replace him.

Curbishley in frame at QPR

HE Charlton manager does not have a contract in
Alan Curbishley is the latest name being linked football at Portsmouth. with the vacancy at Queens Park Rangers. But he is understood to be the club's second choice behind Terry Venables, writes Martin

Thorpe.
The former England coach is expected to give Rangers his answer to the possibility of taking over after returning from a stint as a television pundit on Manchester United's European Cup trip to

If he turns down the chance of rejoining the club he managed from 1980-84, Rangers will almost certainly turn to Curbishley, though it is also understood that they have sounded out Steve Coppell, Crystal Palace's director of football

managerial vacancies at QPR, last night as the Scottish Leeds and Manchester City. Second Division club an "I'm just keeping my options open and see what happens," company with him and his asopen and see what happens," company with him and he said after revealing that he sistant John Brownlie.

many with his ability to keep Charlton regularly in the First Division promotion hunt despite a shortage of money to spend on players. Rangers will be hoping that, given money to spend on a eam, he could make that final step of winning promo-

Curbishley has impres

tion to the Premiership. Coppell has the experience of leading a club to promotion to the top flight when he took Palace up in 1989. He resigned from the club in 1993 to become head of the managers' union, but he has since returned to Selburst Park in a back-room capacity. Rangers hope to announce

their new manager this week, after the departure of Ray

Clark backs Stone return

fielder Steve Stone to make a complete recovery after having surgery on a knee injury that will sideline him for the rest of the season. Stone slipped and ruptured

the patella tendon in his left knee after five minutes of Saturday's match against Leicas-ter City, and Clark said yes-terday: "It is a serious

RANK CLARK, the Not-tingham Forest manager, is backing his England mid-a full recovery and come back a full recovery and come back

as right as rain. Ray Wilkins linked up yes terday with Coventry, whose manager Ron Atkinson in-cluded the former QPR manager in his side for a testimo-nial at Hibernian last night "It is probably a one-off," said

a Coventry spokesman. Wilkins intends to continue as a player, and he turned out operation but with today's for Wycombe on Saturday.

Little's large warning

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RIAN LITTLE will warn his players not to become involved in any officials in tonight's Uefa Cup first-round meeting with Helsingborgs at Villa Park. Villa's manager was an-noyed that two of his players

after the final whistle of Saturday's Premiership draw Sasa Curcic, the club's re-

received yellow cards from the Leeds referee Mike Riley

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were cautioned for arguing | They should know that once that the referee had added too an official has made a deci-much time at the end of the sion he will not change his second half, a period in which Arsenal equalised.

Both players are under threat of an FA misconduct charge which may lead to a large fine and a suspension. Little is aware that the con-

sequences may be even more severe if his players question the decisions of the Cypriot official Louizos Loizou in the game against Helsingborgs, currently second in the Swed-ish First Division.

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an official has made a deci-sion he will not change his mind. I was disappointed that two players were cautioned as a result of confronting the ref-eree. Both should have known

"I shall be talking to everyone before this match to ensure there is no repeat of what happened."

Helsingborgs, who have the former Sheffield Wednesday defender Roland Nilsson as one of only two full-time professionals, will provide a stern test, according to the

Villa manager.
"It is important we play to the tempo that we normally do and hopefully, if we can keep the pressure on, that will provide a test for them, particularly in the final 15 minutes when they may begin to tire," Little said.

Villa will again be without the injured goalkeeper Mark Bosnich and will lack Curcic in midfield. The Serb was signed after the Usfa deadline for the opening three rounds.

Dwight Yorke, the club's eading scorer last season, hopes the game will provide the opportunity to strike his

first goal this season. The 25-year-old Trinidad and Tobago international forward said: "I was not a firstteam regular when Villa were last in Europe, so this is the next step in my football education. Although I have played a lot of international games for my country, I realise that if we can progress in this competition we have the opportunity of coming up against some of the best club sides in Europe, and I am ex-

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E-4, 7 5 CZECH WOMEN'S OPEN (Karlovy Vary): First round: IK Stadonikova (Slovek) bi E Wagnor (Ger) 6-2, 6-3; D Chiadkova (Cz) bi S Cacchim (il) 6-3, 1-0 rot A Periolii (il) bi S Fanno (in) 6-3, 6-1.

American Football ARTHEFICATI FOOTDAM

NFL Abenta 17. Mennesote 23: Buffalo 17.
New England 10, Detroit 21. Tampa Bay 0:
Jacksonville 27. Housen 34; Karess City
19. Osbland 3, New Orleans 20. Carolina
22: NY Jets 7. Indianapolis 21, Pittsburgh
31. Baltimore 17: Weshington 10, Chicago
3, Dallas 27. NY Glants 0: San Diego 27.
Cincinnati 14; Seattle 20. Denver 30: San
Francisco 34, St. Louis 0; Arzona 10.
Miami 26.

Athletics

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| 2 0 Compbell (GBI 10.52-3, D Alia (Nig) 10 67 400ms 1 . S Bafa (Nig) 46.25; 2 . S rego (Ken) 46.65, 3 . N Tellus (Loba) 46.65, 1,000ms 1, Y Makahasen (Ken) 2 15.60; 2. W Tarus (Ken) 2 15.00; 3. R Kiber (Ken) 2 16.00 1500ms 1, H El Guerroud (Mar) 3.34 88, 2, D Fornen (Ken) 3.35.16; 3, J Kosper (Ken) 2.35.78, 2,000ms 1, J Mayook (GBI 5.00.91, 2, S Hissou (Mor) 5.00.95, 3, S Syhir (Mor) 5.02.69 High

Jumps 1, C Austin (US) 227m, 2, S Hoen 1 (Nor) 2.24; 3, W Krainsig (Ger) 2.21. Hummer 1, B Klas (Hun) 77.90; 2, I Konovalov (Rus) 75.46; 3, Z Nemeth (Hun) 72.30 Pole seaths 1, M Tarasov (Rus) 5.70; 2, P Manson (US) 5.50, 3, I Trandenkov (Rus) 5.50, Womens 100cm 1, C Apriva (Nig) 11.43ect 2, M Trandenkov (Rus) 15.50, 2 P Intusevich (Ukr) 11.99, 400cm 1, O Alolabi (Rigs 53.60; 2, O Collodny (Isr) 53.97; 3 F Ferrari (10, 55.34, 1800cm; 1, C Sacramento (Por) 4.15.37; 2, Y Podkopayeva (Rus) 4.15.97; 3 A Brazzinska (Pol) 4.16.92; 100cm bardiem 1, L Engquist (See) 12.76, 2, B Bulcovet (Sloven) 12.98; 3, J Baumann (Switz) 15.48, Lengy Jumps 1, C Aluma (Rig) 6.50m; 2, R Netsen (Den) 5.4, 3, Y Sinchulova (Rus) 5.16

Baseball

Baschall

AMERICAN LEAGURE: Cloveland 2, Seatlie 1 11st gamel; Cloveland 5, Seatile 6
(2nd); Baltimore 8, Dearon 2: New York 2
Toronto 4: Chicago 7, Boston 4: Milwawkee
1, Taxas 7: Milmasola 2, Celiforma 4: Celitand 8, Karsaso City 7 (in 10). Standingus
Emiture 1, New York (W78, L63, Pct.556,
GB0); 2, Baltimore (78-65-535-3), 3, Boston
(73-70-510-46); 4, Toronto 168-77-482-130); 5, Detroil (51-92-357-268). Centrals 1,
Cloveland (W83, L58, Pct.589), GB0); 2, Chicago (78-66-542-60); 3, Minmasola (72-71-50)-12); 4, Milwaukee (46-78-472-163); 5,
Karusso City (65-78-541-196), Westerner 1,
Toras (W81, L81, Pct.570, GB0); 2, Seatile (73-68-518-78); 3, Celicand (72-75-483-123); 4, California (85-78-483-165),
MATIOMAL LEAGURE Allente 2, New York 6, Philadelphils 3, Chicago 3; Cinchmall 8, San Francisco 3; 3t Louis 4, San Diego 2; Houston 2, Colorado 5: Los Angeles 1, Pittsburgh 4; Forida 2, Montreal 1, Standings: Emisterner 1, Alfants (W96, L56, Pct.666, GB0); 2, Montreal 1, Standings: Emisterner 1, Alfants (W96, L56, Pct.566, GB0); 2, Montreal (78-64-549-8); 3, Florda (70-74-486-17); 4, New York (83-60), 411-220); 5, Philadelphia (58-86-403-20), Centrals 1, Standings: Emisterner 1, Alfants (W96, L56, Pct.566, GB0); 2, Hounton (76-68-536-18), 3, Cliorado (72-73-533-68); 4, San Francisco (59-82-418-17). Westerner 1, San Diego (W79, L65, Pct.548, GB0); 2, Los Angeles (78-84-549-9); 3, Colorado (72-73-533-68); 4, San Francisco (59-82-418-17). Westerner 1, San Diego (W79, L65, Pct.548, GB0); 2, Los Angeles (78-84-549-9); 3, Colorado (72-73-533-68); 4, San Francisco (59-82-418-17). Colorado (72-73-533-68); 4, San Francisco (59-82-418-17).

Cricket

TETLEY BITTER FESTIVAL: Sami-final Scarboreugh Yorkshire 386-9 (M P Vaughan 118, D Byes 113; Wood 4-92), Durham 243 (M A Roseberry 66; Hamilton A-US). Yorkinke wan by 123 rues BAIN HOOS TWOPHY: Pinel Lakeshers Lecessersher 236 (1 Suchtle 61; Blen-biron 4-40). Durksen 192 (R M S Wasten 72; Ormand 4-20). Lakes wan by 46 rues BINOR COURTIES CHAMPSORSHIP-Pinsit: Exmouth: Devon 259-5 (N R Gaywood 134) and 251-6 dec (Newman 5-99). Norton 185-7 and 177 (T J Boon 55). Devon won by 188 runs. Cycling

ONCE thr 23min 40sec; 2, G Lömbardi (H)
Polit; 3, F Baldato III) MG; 4, S Wesemann
(Ger) Telekom; 5, D Konyshev (Rus; AK);
8, M Apollonio (II) Sorgino all same time.
Overalle 1, Jalabert 12hr 11min 20sec; 2,
Baldato at Ssec; 3, Lombardi 10; 4, J Werner (Ger) Telakom 17: 5, Wesemann 22; 6,
Konyshev 7, B Julich (JIS) Motorola: 8, L
Dulaur (Swritz Lours, 9, A Camonieri III)
Saeco; 10, J Arénas (Sp) Lolus all st. Equestrianism

CALOARY INTERNATIONAL SHOWN Du Maurier Grand Prize 1. La Ina (P Charles, Ire) clear 82.05ect 2. Sprebe Rush On (L Beerbaum Ger) 478: 85.34: 3. Lore Plana Tomboy (R Pessoa, Bra) 478: 86.81. Other Cito (G Billington, Sel) 478: 86.81. Other Britische 6. Welham IJ Whitaker) 978: 84.84. Nations Capt 1. Great Britain 878: Show-time (N Sketton; 12-0, N's Otto 0-4, Too Step (M Whitaker) 0-6, Welhem (J Whi-taker) 4.—did not immun. 2. Germany 1879:

laker) 4 — did not jump), 2. Germany 1 J. Holland 200s. ice Hockey REJECON AND REDOES CLIP: Ayr 9, Kingston 0; Bracknell 4, Guildford 1; Cardill 7, Slough 1: Manchester 6, Swindon 4; Modway 0, Beangstoke 4, Sofihull 6, Peterborough 3; Tellord 4, Newcastle 8. Sailing

RONSTAN INTERNATIONAL 505 NATIONAL CRISES (Hayling is): Second races 1, 1 Sarker: D Crisps 8.510pts; 2, J Robinson/B Masterman 8.45; 3, i Pin-nel/M Darling 8.624; 4, H Craneros/L Cri-spn 8.37; 5, F Larkin Fulcher 8.500; 6, i klontague: 6 Kimber 8.416 Snooker

ASIAN CLASENC (Benglock). Wild ourd plug-offee 9 Murphy (fre) bt 5 Sim-Ngare (Thu) 5-2; K Burrows (Eng) bt A Teranson (Thai) 5-0; S Musroels (Eng) bt A Cooligono) (Thai) 5-0; S Prouductioner (Thai) bt J Wallace (Eng) 5-4. First round: R Boad (Eng) bt A Hamilton (Eng) 5-4; A Hollanus (Scot) bt F O'Brian (Ire) 5-3; R Hollanus (Scot) bt J Parrott (Eng) 5-4. P Bodom (Eng) bt H Foulde (Eng) 5-4. P Bodom (Eng) bt H Foulde (Eng) 5-4.

Fixtures (7.30 unless stated)

Soccer UEFA CUP: First round, first logs Abordeen v Barry Tr.: Arsenal v Borussia Moonchengisdbach (7.15): Aston Villa v Holologborgs (7.45): Cette v Hamburg (7.6): Newcastle v Iralmetinds (8.0). NATIONWIDE LEAGUES First Divisions Barnsley v Sloke (7.45): Birmingham v Oldham (7.45): Bolton v Grimsby (7.45): Charlion v Southend (7.45): Crystal Palace v Ipswich (7.45): Huddersfield v Tranmers (7.45): Cytord Util v Wolverhampion (7.45). Parl Vale v Man City (7.45): Stell Util v Parl Vale v Man City (7.45): Stell Util v TOUR OF SPAIR: Third stage (Cuenca and Albaceta 115 miles) 1, L Jalabert (Fr.)

Part Vale v Man City (7.45); Shelt Uid v Moherhampion (7.45)

Bradford C (7.45); West Brons v Reading

(7.45). Second Division Brantord v
Plymouth (7.45); Bristol Rvrs v Bournemouth: Burnley v Blackpool (7.45); Crewe
v Bury; Luton v Gillingham (7.45); Notic Co
v Watford (7.45); Peterborough v Millwalt
Preston v York (7.45); Rotherham v Cheayerield (7.45); Shrewshury v Bristol C:
Slockport v Wiresham; Walsail v Wycombe
(7.45), Tairing Divisions Colchester v Brighton (7.45); Hartlepool v Carletis; Lincolin v Hult; Marstleid v Bernet (7.45);
Northampton v L Orent (7.45); Rochdale v
Cnester: Scarborough v Doncesser: Scarbronge Cambridge Utd; Swarses v Herslond; Torquay v Cardin (7.45).
SELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE; Premier
Division: Dunfermilins v Hearts.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE; CEP: Third vounds
Dundee v St. Johnstone; Esst Frite v Stranraer: Greenock Morton v Partuck; Striling v
Monross.
OR VAUXHALL COMPERENCE (7.45).
Altrinoham v Hallfast: Hayes v Kidderminster. Kottering v Dover; Macclesfield v
Morrecambe; Stalytaridge v Teitord; Weiling
v Studit; Wolding v Famborough.
UNISHOND LEAGUE; Premier: Barrow v
Bamber Bridge; Burton v Runcorn: Colwyn B v Wilson Akt; Qainsborough v Guiseley; Lancaster v Chorley; Leek Tn v Alfretten Tn; Spennymoor v Frickley, Pirest
Carzon Ashlon v Congletion Tn; Essiswood
Tn v Bradford PA; Flinton v Gi Harwood
Tn v Bradford Pa; Burdon
Governing Sunner v Brades Tn;
Rothwell Tn v Kings Lynn.
B-W COUNTIES LEAGUE Pires Blackpool Rvn v Rossendale Utd; Boote v
Nantwich Tn Burscough v Valorable GM;
Chadderton v Mosseys V Noorthesten Tn
Clitheroe.
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LEAGUE: First: Dunston Federation v Whitby Tri, Morpoth Tn v Shition. Cup: First rossed: Essington v Guisborough Tn. NORTHERM COURTYSES EAST LEAGUE: Premier Divisions Arnold Tn v Ashfield Utd., Glasshoughton Wolf v Seiby Tr; Hatfield Main v Beiner Tn: Liversedge v Armitorape Welf: North Ferriby Utd v Sheffield, Ossett Tn v Brigg Tn; Pickering Tn v Pontiefract Cols: Thackley v Hutmail Tn. PONTINES LEAGUE (7:0): Premier: Derby v Man Utd. Firet: Leicester v Coventry.

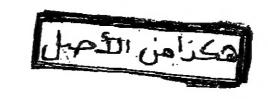
ANGLO-WELSH CUP: Pool 1A: Neath a Bristol (7.15). Pool 28: Northampton

Cricket AXA EQUITY R LAW LEAGUES Cld Tyaffords Lancashire v Middleges (1.50). Edginastors Warwickshire v Easer (1.5). TETLEY BITTER FESTIVAL Sees-final: (11.0): Somborough: Notinghamshire v Worcester-shire.

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returned to Bosnia in the form of the Meeting of Solilarity. They will remember how 80 world-class athletes gave their time and talent for nothing.

What confronted Charles
Austin, the Olympic high
jump champion and one of
only three American athletes
willing to make the journey,

ished a disappointing fifth with 2.10.

The International Amateur

were simply frightened. It was easy to understand their fear. As the transport

teries were the first thing one saw. The sight reduced Lud-mila Engquist, the Olympic 100 metres hurdles champion from Sweden, to tears. "I can-not do a lot for this city but I

because his mother had

come particularly rankled president had arranged for the Olympic Games timetable you can become a millionaire

Sarajevans packed the trams to a stadium holding its first major event since the 1984 Winter Olympics. Past blown-up blocks of flats and bullet-marked shops they came, wave after wave. The arena was full to its capacity two hours before the first

12 years ago; it was a reminder of why he was here.

Athletics

Johnson lets Nebiolo down in Sarajevo

on a war-tom city's match agreement under which they would show Five Nations matches at home via

HE enduring television images are of horror and massacre but yesterday, in the rebuilt Kosevo stadium here, the at the very least, kick-off times will be staggered, though it is more likely that madness and tragedy were blocked out for a while.

people will remember the day that world-class sport separately on a Saturday and All the television compa-nies, terrestrial and satellite, will be invited within the next three months to tender for Five Nations matches in Cardiff, Edinburgh and Dublin. The BBC and ITV are ex-

was the shocking sight of the war-torn airport. "I was lost for words," he said. "I had seen the pictures in the news but it was still stunning."

Austin duly won his event yesterday with a jump of 2.27 metres. Britain's Dalton Grant, who admitted to being the Olympic Park bombing in Atlanta by five minutes, fin-

will do what I can," she said. Michael Johnson, the Olym-

pic 200m and 400m champion had been unwilling to trave pleaded with him not to. Another leading American had told officials he thought he would be shot.

"We have seen on this special occasion you can be a great athlete, you can be two metres tall, you can have a fantastic talent," said Primo Nebiolo, president of the IAAF, "but they may not have the heart and the courage. The people who have the courage are here."

with Nebiolo because the to be changed for the runner's benefit. Nebiolo said: "When he goes to sleep he can reflect but can you have the heart for a humanitarian gesture?"

There were moments of excitement for the crowd, particularly when Britain's John Mayock beat the world 10,000 metres record-holder Salah 2,000m in 5min 0.91sec. As the Yorkshireman crossed the at the mangled remains of the Zetra arena where Torvill and Dean skated to Olympic gold

Johnson's decision not to

Athletic Federation has spent \$1 million to help renovate the stadium — once 100 yards from the front line — and sent equipment and officials for the meeting. It was a pity that more leading athletes were not willing to travel here. Many were keen to return home to bank the cheques they won at the Grand Prix final last weekend; others

pulled up outside the sta-dium, fields of crowded came-

Rugby League

Larder calls up Critchley

Paul Fitzpatrick

ARLE HAMMOND, the St Helens loose forward or stand-off, and Jason Critchley, the Keighley Cou-gars utility back, have been called into the Great Britain squad for the tour of Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New

More replacements may yet be needed before the squad coach, has lost four of his final and first reports sug-original selections in Lee Jackson, the Newcastle for six to 10 weeks. Joynt is Knights hooker, and the Wigan trio Gary Connolly, operation. Shaun Edwards and Jason Henry I Robinson, and may lose two more in the Saints pair Paul Newlove and Chris Joynt, union for Harlequins, and who are injured.

cluded by virtue of his consistent form over the past two

Critchley's inclusion is a slight surprise but Larder says he was "really im-pressed" by his display for Wales against England in the European Championship in June.

Larder is awaiting medical reports on Newlove and Joynt before making a final deci-sion on their fitness. Newlove Larder, the Great Britain coach, has lost four of his original selections

Henry Paul, the Bradford Apollo Perelini of St Helens Hammond switched with success from stand-off to loose forward in the later part of the season. He is now in-

Sailing

British skiff for Sydney

Bob Fisher

AFTER extensive trials on Lake Garda at Torbole in Italy, the International Sail ing Federation (ISAF) is likely to choose one of 11 new British dinghies for the 2000 Olympic regatta in Sydney

Harbour. In March the ISAF council voted 29-1 in favour of a new class, a decision almost certain to be endorsed at its agm in Brighton in November.

All four of the short-listed hoats are skiffs, two of them. the 49er and the B-14. designed by an Australian, Julian Bethwaite. The twintrapeze 49er is the most radi-cal and the fastest, with the B-14 seen as a more economical option, having smaller sails and no crew on a

trapeze.
The Laser 5000, built in Banbury, is perhaps the best established; there are already more than 260 of them world-wide, 52 of which recently took part in a national championship. Their two crew members both hang from equalisation system which

unequal height and weight. Fourth in line for selection

Sport in brief

Cycling

France's Laurent Jalabert took another step towards a second successive Tour of Spain title by claiming the leader's yellow jersey after winning the third stage across the Castilian plains from Cuenca to Albacete.

Equestrianism

THE Irishman Peter Charles picked up the world's riches showjumping prize of around £110,000 when he won the Du Maurier Grand Prix on La Ina in Calgary with the only double clear round.

Badminton

England's No.3 Peter Bush suffered an horrific injury at when a blood vessel in his eye burst after he was hit by the shuttlecock, writes Richard Jago. Bush was temporarily blinded and may be out of action for several weeks.

Snooker John Parrott, the 1991 world

champion, has criticised the sport's governing body after crashing out of the Suntory Asian Classic in Bangkok. After his 5–2 defeat by Rod Lawler in the first round of the season's opening world-ranking tournament, Parrott described the table's slow cushion as "like a pudding".

Motor Racing

Ferrari have scotched rumours by confirming that Eddie Irvine will stay as No. 2 driver to Michael Schu-

Rugby Union

Robert Armstrong on a renewed breakaway threat over Five Nations television revenue

Clubs stick to their guns

Pootball Union on October 11, despite confirmation by the Five Nations Committee in Dublin yesterday that they would receive an income of £22.5 million over the next five years from the BSkyB

NGLAND's leading clubs are sticking to their plan to break away from the Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) carry out their threat to go it alone they will forfeit Twickenham's cash allocation and instead attempt to set up their own long-term television deal. England, whose £87.5 mil-lion Sky deal has been acknowledged by the other unions, have agreed to an equal four-way share-out of 90 per cent of the money negoti-ated for all Five Nations

Early Bath for Paul and Robinson at The Rec

over from the England

wing Jon Sleightholme.

ENRY PAUL and Jason | The New Zealander Paul, Robinson make their | who signed a lucrative

rugby union debuts for four-month contract worth about tomorrow, only three days after helping Wigan to Jeremy Guscott from the cide beaten by Leigester on

victory in the Premiership side beaten by Leicester on

Trophy final over St Saturday. Robinson takes

on Sunday at the end of But Harlequins' opener rugby league's Super in the competition at Car-

League season, line up diff was postponed yester-against Swansea at the Recreation Ground in the against Llanelli last week-

Recreation Ground in the against Llanelli last week-fledging Anglo-Welsh end was their third defeat

per cent will go to the English clubs and the remaining five per cent will be distributed among the nations that finish first (21/2 per cent), second (11/4 per cent) and third one per cent) in the championship each season. In future, France will also make a contribution from its own television

cated his shoulder during

Sunday's defeat by Wasps. The club hope the Austra-

lian, who saw a specialist

completing the picture.

After a summer in which

five of the six batsmen who

played in the final Test scored at least one Test century —

Mike Atherton, Alec Stewart,

Nasser Hussain, John Craw-ley and Nick Knight — and

consistently threatened to,

the batsmen chose them-

selves. Jack Russell will be

With Chris Lewis appar

ently having burned his boats with some disappointing per-

formances in the latter part of

the season and his late arrival

at The Oval, the pace bowlers

sixth, Graham Thorpe,

October 9.

monishing the millionaire club owners: Before you in sist on early returns on your investments, stop and think, and in some cases learn what

you've become part of."
The 12 Courage League One clubs are incensed by what they deem a pairry offer of plagued by injuries and ill-ness to front-row players each season; their target is closer to £2 million each a with only the prop Phil Booth fit. For safety reasons, Quins have agreed year. Brittle's declaration that "the clubs must accept to postpone the match until that the unions will retain the necessary controls as the gov- Saracens said last night that Michael Lynagh, their new fly-half, had not disloerning bodies" looks certain to inflame a bitter conflict and reduce further the dwin-

independently — has failed to mollify Epruc, whose senior officers, Donald Kerr and Kim

Deshaves, have insisted that a

breakaway from the RFU will

take place. Yesterday Cliff Brittle, the chairman of the

RFU executive committee.

hardly helped his case by ad-

dling prospect of an 11th-hour reconciliation. The next flashpoint between the two bodies will al-

stays away from training a In any case, the home unions still have a great deal of negotiating to carry out with the satellite and terrestrial television companies be-fore they can even agree a Five Nations match schedule for the 1997-98 season. According to Vernon Pugh, the

England squad, which has al-ready boycotted one sched-uled training session, is due

to take part in another at Bisham Abbey. The clubs'

burgeoning authority with

the elite players whom they have under contract will be

greatly enhanced if the squad

ignores yesterday's display of

Brittle . . . trenchant

a terrestrial channel and in

other countries via satellite. The traditional scheduling of

two matches simultaneously will be abandoned; in future,

pected to make a joint bid.

to 2002, and even when it ex-

give the other unions five years notice of any fresh plan

chairman of the Five Nations TV Committee, "there will be a fair proportion of matches on terrestrial TV: at least 50 per cent". resents a setback to Sky. Once the new agreement is which made substantial offers in place it will run from 1997

for exclusive live transunions in the summer

mission rights to all the pires England will have to

earlier in the day, will be fit by the end of the month.

week when the 48-man

Wales, Scotland and Ireland plan to negotiate a mix-and- to strike an independent deal.

most certainly occur tomor

Tufnell leaves tour selectors in a spin

Mike Selvey on the probable make-up of the England party for the winter tour

menu for a Master-chef competition, the party is about balance, blend and putting to the best use the

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Pools Foreca

raw ingredients available. This winter in Zimbabwe and New Zealand promises to be the calm before the storm that will come with next summer's Ashes series, and England need to regain the winning habit so that they can await Mark Taylor's men

with some confidence.

FTER hastening Nas-

Aser Hussain's develop-ment into a Test bats-

man by awarding him last

year's captaincy of the A

team, England's selectors

have been sorely tempted to

continue the theme in Aus-

The batsman who Ray-

mond Illingworth has argued might respond to additional responsibility is

Matthew Maynard, whose impulsive strokeplay can make Matthew Le Tissier

look discriminating by

comparison.
There have been few

signs, however, in his lead-ership of Glamorgan that captaincy is likely to per-

suade Maynard into a re-examination of his ap-

proach. If England have

indeed decided to rehabilitate a career, they will have done better to consider

Ramprakash, a former

England Under-19 captain, did not adjust readily in his

youth to Australian grade cricket, and further expo-

tralla this autumn.

David Hoppe

apart from some soul-search ing over Phil Tufnell.

A squad of 15 has been chosen, smaller than any since the 1983 tour of New Zealand, which will ensure more cricket for the participants and stave off the likelihood of what the players call a Lucan - someone who disappears without trace on tour - during an undemanding start in Zimbabwe.

Only the balance can have been at issue and even that This winter's main squad, together with the A team for Australia, was selected in London last night and will be announced at Lord's this inite, with one all-rounder and largely settled; six bats men, two spin bowlers, a ren Gough and Andrew Caddick, although suspicion still surrounds the latter's fitness and temperament.

mettle. The presence along-

side him of Surrey's Adam Hollioake, Melbourne-born

competitive edge, would be

protection enough.

The batting, given the presence of Surrey's Butcher and the Yorkshire pair McGrath and

Vaughan, would be compet-itive, and if the seam-bowl-

ing ranks have not been raided by the senior side. Silverwood, Chapple and Harris are deserving cases,

while Lewry has claims to be the best left-arm quick

Slow bowling is a prob-lem, but if the selectors de-

cided they had no more to learn about the likes of Salisbury, Stemp and Patel, then Warwickshire's Ash-

ley Giles, not a big spinner of the ball, may have got

ENGLAND A SQUAD (possible):
Ramprakash (Middlesex. cept).
Hoffleske (vice-capl, Surrey). Butcher (Surrey). Vassban, McGrath (both Yorishire). Adams (Derbyshire). Rollins, Irani (hoth Essex). Gifes (Warwickshire). Chapple (Lancashire). Harris (Derbyshire). Silwerwood (Yorkshire). Lawry (Sussex). Cowas (Essex). Massiley (Kori).

in the country.

Robert Croft showed morning. It should not have another pace bowler or alterenough apperite and steadiness to take one spinner's slot. The choice of the second Ramprakash a brings us to Tufnell. All the evidence points to him being the most incisive spinner in the country, and his 13 wick-ets last week at Old Trafford — all, including that of the England captain, taken in the man most worthy sure at such a critical stage of his career would test his

traditional manner from around the wicket — will have emphasised his claim. Against him is his poor touring record. Atherton is believed to be in favour of taking him and so is the coach, David Lloyd. If Tufnell was considered too high a risk, however, the choice must have come down to one of Richard Stemp, Ian Salisbury and Ashley Giles, the young Warwick-shire left-armer. Captain, coach and at least

to work. There is a lobby, however, which would want bowlers who can swing the ball, and if that view pre-vailed Mark Ealham may

one selector are believed to have been in favour of taking only one all-rounder, and there would be a case for making him a batsman who bowls - Ronnie Irani probably — rather than the reverse. If Irani goes, though, he must be aware that it is on potential rather than achievement: he has much on which

have got the job. One solution would be for them both to go. If a fifth seamer was required, Yorkshire's Chris Silverwood may have got the charge from Glen Chapple of Lancashire.



Ice Hockey

Middlesex's

Kingston face action over disciplinary record

HE Kingston Hawks completed a miserable weekend road trip to Newcastle and Scotland with a 9-0 defeat at the hands of Ayr Scottish Eagles, which followed hard

players dismissed, by the time the team reached Scotland's west coast the club management had sacked one player, Norman Pinnington. for "disciplinary reasons". understood to involve a violation of a team curfew imposed after the Newcastle game.

Frank Dempster, the British goals during the Eagles' two game will take place two days lee Hockey Association's dis-

face further action over their

disciplinary record.
"It's probably the worst we've ever had," Dempster suggested yesterday. Only two weekends into the season and the Hawks have already accumulated 75 penalty activity under the sport's tot. points under the sport's tot-

phatic 10-0 reverse in the North-east.

And, although there was no repetition of Saturday's indiscipline, when they had five players dismissed by the

Ayr's victory, after their 6-3 win at Telford on Saturday, means they join Cardiff, Manchester and Basingstoke in having qualified for the B&H Cup quarter-finals, with one weekend of qualifying-round games still to be

played. Scott Morrison totalled four

ciplinary chairman, Kingston | of the team's German players, Mark Woolf, in Sunday's match. A hat-trick by Craig Woodcroft ensured Manchester's progress as they beat Swindon 6-4 on Sunday, having won 6-3 at Slough the previous evening.

Richard Little followed his

three-goal performance in Basingstoke's 7-1 home win over Guildford with another goal in the 4-0 victory at Medway on Sunday.

The United States meet

Canada in a best-of-three-games final series to decide the winners of the inaugural World Cup of Hockey after beating Russia 5-2 in Sunday's second semi-final in Ottawa. Game one is in Phila-delphia tonight followed by game two on Saturday in Montreal, where the third

American Football

Cowboys find form to stop Giants in their tracks

Mark Tran in New York

THE Dallas Cowboys regrouped after dropping their first game of the season to swat aside the New York Giants on a sweltering after-noon at Texas Stadium. The

The Cowboys fielded Troy Aikman, Deion Sanders and Emmitt Smith from their touchdown passes; two were Super Bowl XXX winning perfect throws that curved team, and despite being without the injured Jay Novacek and the suspended Michael Irvin they were more than good enough.

The Giants gave the ball away twice, including an in-terception thrown by Dave

Brown as his first pass of the | replica but to the right.

defence had to spend too much time on the field and were wilting at the end of the first half in the 100F-plus

Smith, who showed little problem from the neck injury visitors played an embarrassingly inept game, failing to show any flair as their offence managed only 93 yards in the 27-0 defeat.

The Cowbows Golden Technique Surfered in the 22-6 defeat by the Chicago Bears in the previous game, ran 94 yards and picked up the Cowboys' third touchdown just before the half.

the half.
Aikman found his Super Bowl form by launching three over the heads of the Giants defenders and straight into the hands of his receivers. Sanders caught the first, of nine yards, in the left corner early in the first quarter. The second, a 19-yard catch by Kevin Williams, was almost a

Smith then got into the act, outrunning one tackler and breaking another tackle to score a five-yard touchdown. "This was a big game for us. And it was much bigger because of the way we had struggled. This was a big confidence-builder," a relieved

Aikman said later. The Giants coach Dan Reeves, meanwhile, sought to take the pressure off his quarterback Brown. "I take more responsibility than anybody. because when you play that bad you can't be as well pre-pared as you need to be," he

The Miami Dolphins, meanwhile, showed off another running back after Karim Abdul-Jahbar's fine performance the previous week. Irving Spikes scored a one-yard touchdown to help crush the Arizona Cardinals 38-10.

levels the power of sailors of

is the Boss, a boat somewhat similar to the Laser 5000. It is built at Brightlingsea and like the others it has a light, easily

driven hull and plenty of sail.

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SportsGuardian

Graham on the way back with Leeds

Ian Ross on the managerial opportunity created by Howard Wilkinson's sacking

yesterday with the dismissal of Howard Wilkinson by Leeds United. The former Arsenal manager George Graham will probably be named as his successor within 24 hours.

Wilkinson's eight-year spell in charge at Elland Road ended in mid-morning only five games into the Premiership season but, more significantly, less than 48 hours after Leeds suffered the indignity of a 4-0 home defeat by Manchester United.

In an effort to stabilise a club who have been drifting towards crisis for some

months, Leeds are likely to appoint Graham rapidly.
"I had lost confidence in Howard; he had, perhaps, been here a little too long," said the Leeds chairman Bill Extheric after applying the Fotherby after sacking the man who had led the club to the League championship only four years ago.

Although Kenny Daiglish would be interested in returning to management only a month after standing down as director of football at Blackburn, Graham is the clear favourite. And he is anxious to repair an image tarnished by his involvement in the transfer-bung scandal and his one-year ban from football. Although the formal an-

nouncement of Wilkinson's sacking was made by Foth-erby, the decision was un-doubtedly taken by the Yorkshire club's new owner, the London-based Caspian group. The man who in essence brokered that deal was the Graham . . . still ambitious

NGLISH football's Caspian director Richard managerial blood-letting continued of Queens Park Rangers. He

and live in the same Hampstead apartment block. When Graham rejected the offer to succeed Alan Ball at Manchester City a fortnight ago, he privately indicated that he was prepared to wait for an approach from a club that could meet in full his fluorities. nancial demands and match his ambition.

and Graham are close friends

As he has presumably been told by Thompson. Leeds would seem to fit the bill on ooth counts. Although Wilkinson has spent £9.7 million of the estimated £12 million provided by Casplan for new players, he has also raised 27 million with sales.

If Graham is appointed it is possible he will invite his former assistant at Arsenal. Stewart Houston, to join him

Wilkinson, 52, was in philosophical mood as he faced up



to the first sacking of a distin-guished managerial career which also embraced produc-tive spells at Notts County and Sheffield Wednesday.

Nevertheless he said: When I arrived here I talked about a 10-year plan, and when I look at the young play-ers at this club I can still see that plan coming to fruition. Even a blind man could see that this club is in better shape now. We are an established Premiership force with great potential and a terrific stadium.

He conceded that the disen-chantment of a small but vociferous section of the Leeds support had contributed to

his downfall.

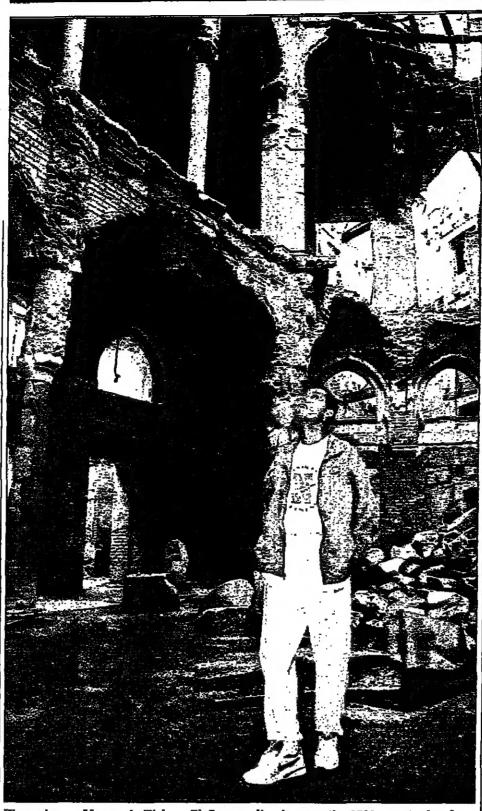
"I am disappointed, very sad and very shocked," he said, "but my board has made a decision in good faith and I must live with it."

Wilkinson moved to Elland Road from Hillsborough in October 1988, shortly after Leeds had finally severed ties with the Don Revie era by sacking Billy Bremner. Only six months after Leeds

won the championship, Wil-kinson's relationship with an expectant public began to show signs of strain. The sale of Eric Cantona to Manchester United for only

£1.2 million was not well received and, after three more seasons of perceptible stagnation. unrest reached its peak last April when Leeds were defeated 3-0 by Aston Villa in the Coca-Cup final. Yesterday's developments will no doubt have been noted across the Pennines at Maine

Road. But, for the moment, said Wilkinson, "I am going to have a rest. I will be back, out not for a while." Wilkinson is the sixth managerial casualty of the **SPORT RETURNS TO SARAJEVO**



War ruins... Morocco's Hicham El Guerroudj, who won the 1500m yesterday from

50,000 spectators watched the first major competition since peace returned to the

Bosnian capital.
Primo Nebiolo, president

of the International Ama-teur Athletic Federation,

attacked the big-name ath-

letes who stayed away. "They have talent but no

Austin shames

the stay-aways

PORT returned to the Kosevo stadium in both, the Olympic high jump champion Charles

jump champion Charles Austin, said: "I feel privi-

Austin was a winner, as was John Mayock from

Yorkshire, who in the 2,000

metres outpaced the world 10,000m record-holder Salah Hissou of Morocco.

leged to be here."

Image-maker puts a new spin on Hill



Richard Williams

NO, Mary Spillane aid. I'm just here as a an, that's all. She was protesting too much. In her short cornflower-blue linen dress, cardinal-red cashmere cardigan, shiny gold pumps, thick black wraparound sunglasses and a quantity of jewellery, Mary Spillane certainly blended into the human 200 of the Monza paddock last weekend. But her presence, as a mem-ber of Damon Hill's inner circle, was one of the most interesting elements of the whole

Italian Grand Prix meeting. Mary Spillane is what is known as an image consulant. A 46-year-old American who wrote speeches for Ron-ald Reagan before coming to Britain at the beginning of the Sighties, she advises business people and politicians — including MPs and candidates of all three major parties — on how to present themselves. And now her clients include

Damon Hill "Machiavelli would be at home here," she observed as we stood in the sun, watching the paddock people exchanging greetings and gossip. "It's so wonderful to see the energy of it all, the chaos, the politics and machinations."

Like those of a doctor or a psychiatrist, her relation-ships with individual clients are confidential. She is not keen to talk about her work with Hill, refusing even to say how long she has been on the payroll (although she did say. when talking about the world of Formula One, that "the whole of the last year has bee

a learning curve for me"). people surrounding Hill — his lawyer and manager, Michael Breen; his physiotherapist, Erwin Gollner; his aide de camp, Jamie McCallum; his friend, the photographer Jon Nicholson; and an occasional media advisor, the sports writer Michael Calvin - who have been playing their parts in maintaining the driver's psychological equilibrium, and whose presence as a team within a team has unquestion

ably irritated Frank Williams. She is a true creature of the modern world in that her professional concern is not with essence but with perception. "I'm called in to give people an

ourside assessment of how they present themselves and what they might do to im-prove," she told me. "First of all I critique their relevision performances, how they're written up, whether they're analysed as being strong, being in charge, being committed, doing the right thing. Or, if they're in deep shit, what they need to do to

turn that around." What does she change? "It's variable. There's no one formula for it. It can be how they look, how they

sound, it can be whether or not they speak in certain contexts or whether they leave other people to do it for them. Politicians are one thing But don't we want sports people to be themselves? "Absolutely." So does she help them to be

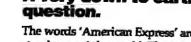
nore themselves, or less? "More themselves, but in a way that it works through visual media and the press. Some people say, "Tell me what to do, tell me what to say.' That's done day in and day out with a lot of public figures, business leaders, whatever. But then there is an individual character — like say, a Damon Hill — who just won't be packaged or pro-grammed like that, who needs to make sure that what he says is perceived effectively, but is still what he believes in and

feels strongly about: "Often the individual is misunderstood because the message is unclear or the way they behave when they're de-livering the message contradicts what they're trying to say. The general public has become so sophisticated at an alysing how someone walks into a room, how they sit down and handle a press confer-ence, whether they look on top of things or beleaguered. The public is incredibly perceptive. Not just you guys."

HE'S wrong there. The public's perception is not the product of its own sophistication but is almost entirely shaped who need to put a spin on reality in order to dramatise their stories, and have a range of skills designed to magnify minor flaws until they can no longer take the strain and an otherwise sound structure is shattered.

Off duty, Hill is the most natural and companionable of men, his straightforwardness a remarkable response to the peculiar circumstances of his upbringing. But the Hill who employs Mary Spillane is the one who turns twitchy under certain kinds of pressure. He pays her bills, so it is for him to say how effective her

behind A very down to earth



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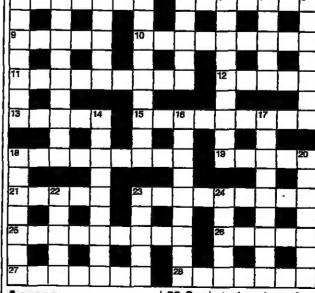
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